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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

SNAP/FOOD STAMPS: Requests that the Dept. of Children and Family Services develop data-sharing agreements with the appropriate authorities to identify lottery and other gaming winners who receive SNAP benefits

A RESOLUTION

| 2  | To urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services to develop data sharing |
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| 3  | agreements with the Louisiana Gaming Control Board and the Louisiana Lottery               |
| 4  | Corporation to facilitate identification of lottery and other gaming winners who           |
| 5  | receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.                                |
| 6  | WHEREAS, the program formerly known as "food stamps" was renamed the                       |
| 7  | Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in 2008; and                              |
| 8  | WHEREAS, SNAP, which is administered at the state level by the Louisiana                   |
| 9  | Department of Children and Family Services, is the largest of all federal food assistance  |
| 10 | programs and provides support to needy households and to those making the transition from  |
| 11 | welfare to work; and   |
| 12 | WHEREAS, in January of 2021, nine hundred eighty-one thousand seven hundred                |
| 13 | fifty-one individuals received nutrition assistance benefits through Louisiana's SNAP      |
| 14 | program; and   |
| 15 | WHEREAS, because SNAP is a means-tested assistance program, applicants must                |
| 16 | meet its income eligibility requirements in order to qualify for program benefits; and     |
| 17 | WHEREAS, leaders at the Department of Children and Family Services and the                 |
| 18 | Louisiana Gaming Control Board have previously endeavored to develop a data-sharing        |
| 19 | agreement which would facilitate the identification of gaming winners who are receiving    |
| 20 | SNAP benefits, but have not yet been successful in perfecting and executing such an        |
| 21 | agreement; and   |

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1 WHEREAS, with respect to administration of public assistance programs, the term 2 "program integrity" refers to actions by the administering agency to detect and prevent fraud, 3 waste, and abuse in those programs, and thereby ensure that public dollars are expended only 4 on assistance and services for people who are eligible for benefits provided through those 5 programs; and 6 WHEREAS, the identification of lottery and other gaming winners who are receiving 7 SNAP benefits would enhance SNAP program integrity functions of the Department of 8 Children and Family Services. 9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Children and 11 Family Services to develop data sharing agreements with the Louisiana Gaming Control 12 Board and the Louisiana Lottery Corporation which would facilitate checking of data at a 13 minimum frequency, which shall be at least monthly, for identification of lottery and other 14 gaming winners who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 16 secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, the president and chief 17 executive officer of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation, and the chairman of the Louisiana 18 Gaming Control Board.

## DIGEST

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## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Revises the function of the resolution such that it would request the Dept. of Children and Family Services, the La. Gaming Control Board, and the La. Lottery Corporation to develop data-sharing agreements which would facilitate checking of data for identification of lottery and other gaming winners who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.