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Williams HB No. 194

Abstract: Requires the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to report to the House and Senate health and welfare committees on educational services provided within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Proposed law provides legislative findings regarding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which is still commonly known as "food stamps"; and the SNAP Education program, which provides nutrition education services to low-income families receiving SNAP benefits.

Proposed law requires DCFS to submit a report on the SNAP Education program to the House and Senate Health and Welfare committees by March 1 annually, which shall include but not be limited to the following items:

(1) Analysis and commentary on major health challenges faced by low-income La. families.

(2) Data on SNAP Education participants, including a description of the ideal target population, actual number of participants served, geographic distribution of participants, and participant demographics.

(3) A description of program operations, including details on selection of participants, service delivery, and activities conducted by all SNAP Education program contractors and subcontractors.

(4) Analysis of program outcomes, including knowledge gain and behavior change among participants and other significant impacts to SNAP Education service recipients.

(5) Public policy recommendations for enhancing the SNAP Education program and for supporting better health and nutrition generally among low-income families of this state.

(Adds R.S. 46:236.1)