

Regular Session, 2012

ACT No. 243

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:236.1(C) and (D)(4) and (5) and to enact R.S. 46:236.1(A)(7)
3 and (D)(6), relative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program educational
4 component; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for requirements of
5 nutrition education services; to provide for reporting requirements of the Department
6 of Children and Family Services; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 46:236.1(C) and (D)(4) and (5) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 and R.S. 46:236.1(A)(7) and (D)(6) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §236.1. Legislative findings; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
11 educational component; reporting requirements

12 A. The legislature finds and declares the following:

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14 (7) A nurturing family affords a child his best opportunity to enjoy lifelong
15 health and well-being. Therefore, any program which promotes better health for
16 children must encourage family strengthening and greater parental involvement in
17 the lives of their children if the program is to fulfill its purpose.

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19 C. ~~The~~ In administering the SNAP Education program of this state, the
20 department and all subcontractors and affiliates of such program shall:

21 (1) utilize Utilize the Core Nutrition Messages, or any successor resources,
22 developed by FNS.

(2) Coordinate outreach and educational efforts to the greatest possible extent with those of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program of this state.

D. On or before March first annually, the department shall submit to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare a comprehensive report on the SNAP Education Program. The report shall include but not be limited to the following items:

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(4) A description of any partnership with the WIC Program and efforts undertaken in collaboration with that program.

(4)(5) Analysis of program outcomes and other significant impacts to SNAP Education service recipients.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____