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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

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FEDERAL PROGRAMS. Requests that DHH and DCFS work to streamline the process of clearing the names of deceased recipients from the list of those eligible for SNAP benefits.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request that the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Department of
3	Children and Family Services coordinate efforts to improve the accuracy of the
4	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, particularly with respect to having the
5	names of deceased recipients removed from the list of eligible recipients.
6	WHEREAS, the supplemental nutrition program in Louisiana is important to many
7	households because these benefits allow low-income households to purchase the food that
8	is necessary for good health; and
9	WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for nutrition assistance, a family in Louisiana
10	must meet standards relative to their present resources, including such assets as a bank
11	account balance and their current income; and
12	WHEREAS, DCFS reports that currently over three hundred seventy thousand cases,
13	both families and individuals, receive benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition
14	Assistance Program in Louisiana; and
15	WHEREAS, while DCFS has been recognized nationally for its accuracy in the food
16	stamps program as recently as 2008, issues remain particularly with respect to removing
17	deceased recipients from the list of eligible recipients.
18	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

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urge and request that the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Department of
Children and Family Services coordinate efforts to improve the accuracy of the
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, particularly with respect to having the names
of deceased recipients expeditiously removed from the list of eligible recipients.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals and the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

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Requests that DHH and DCFS coordinate efforts to improve the accuracy of the food stamp program, particularly with respect to removing the names of deceased persons from the list of eligible recipients.