GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2009

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Short Title:	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Purcell, Dannelly, Preston, Tillman, and Walters.	
Referred to:		

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXAMINE WAYS TO EXPAND AND ENHANCE THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN NORTH CAROLINA, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, shall examine and recommend ways to expand and enhance Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed Program) in this State. The recommendations shall include all of the following:

- (1) An expanded definition and use of in-kind resources in order to draw down additional federal funds to expand the SNAP-Ed Program in North Carolina.
- (2) A three-year plan to expand and enhance the SNAP-Ed Program.
- (3) A determination as to the feasibility of placing the responsibility for the SNAP-Ed Program at North Carolina State University or North Carolina A&T State University, or both.

Not later than September 1, 2011, the Department shall report its findings and recommendations on the directives outlined in subdivisions (1) through (3) of this section to the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity if reestablished for the 2011-2012 Session, to the Public Health Study Commission, and to the Fiscal Research Division.

SECTION 2. Beginning in October 2010, the Department shall solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations across the State for the development and implementation by April 2011 of new local and State programs that emphasize social marketing techniques to educate consumers about nutrition, physical activity, and obesity prevention.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

