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HOUSE BILL 1051

Short Title: Authorize DHHS/Cooperative Extension Contract. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Whitmire, Starnes, Holley, and Fulghum (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Agriculture.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
TO ENTER A CONTRACT TO IMPLEMENT SNAP-ED WITH NORTH CAROLINA
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND TO REQUIRE REPORTING TO THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and if approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health and Human Services shall enter a contract or contracts for the purpose of implementing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed). The entity with which the Department seeks approval to contract shall be, in order of priority as provided in this subsection, the following:

- (1) A sole source, multiyear contract with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, a program operated jointly by North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service of North Carolina State University and North Carolina Cooperative Extension Program of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, for a maximum term of three years.
- (2) A sole source, multiyear contract with North Carolina State University, in coordination with North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, for a maximum term of three years.
- (3) Contracts with one or more entities approved by the United States Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 1.(b) This section does not limit the authority of the entities listed in this section from subcontracting with other entities.

SECTION 1.(c) Any entity entering a sole source contract with the Department pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall file a report no later than July 1, 2015, with the House of Representatives Agriculture Committee. The report shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) Summary of the terms of the contract between the Department and the entity implementing SNAP-Ed.
- (2) Summary of the terms of contracts between the entity and subcontractors implementing SNAP-Ed.
- (3) Summary of the proceedings and list of members of the advisory committee formed to centralize the activities of nutrition education experts and to provide input in the SNAP-Ed plan.



- 1 (4) Explanation of efforts to expand outreach in the SNAP-Education program through
2 the use of new and innovative nutrition education strategies and expand
3 coverage to more counties.
4 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.