

By the Committee on Agriculture; and Senator Gruters

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the United States Department of Agriculture, requesting the department to perform a study on the foods typically purchased by users of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offers nutrition assistance to eligible low-income individuals and families in the form of funds to purchase eligible food, and

WHEREAS, the Food and Nutrition Service under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers SNAP, and the Florida Department of Children and Families distributes the benefits, and

WHEREAS, SNAP benefits may be used to purchase any food product intended for human consumption, but may not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages, tobacco, hot foods, and hot food products prepared for immediate consumption, and

WHEREAS, the last study administered by the USDA to identify foods typically purchased by SNAP households was conducted using point-of-sale data from 2011, information that is over a decade old, and

WHEREAS, relevant and recent data is needed to identify the foods typically purchased by SNAP households, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the United States Department of Agriculture is requested to perform a study on the foods typically purchased by

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30 users of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State dispatch
32 copies of this memorial to the Secretary of the United States
33 Department of Agriculture, the President of the United States,
34 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
35 United States House of Representatives, and each member of the
36 Florida delegation to the United States Congress.