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## 1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025) 3 PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE 4 FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2382 By: Hill 5 6 7 8 PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE 9 An Act relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; enacting the Making Oklahoma Kids Healthy Again Act; directing the Department of Human 10 Services to adopt measures; directing the Department to enter into agreements; directing the Department to 11 conduct reviews; directing certain households to report certain changes; prohibiting categorical 12 eligibility; providing exception; prohibiting 1.3 application of certain standards; directing the Department to make certain information available to 14 the public; declaring findings of the legislature; directing the Department to submit a request; 15 providing information the request shall contain; directing request to be submitted within certain 16 amount of time; directing the Department to carry out certain tasks, directing the Department to submit 17 annual report; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an 18 effective date. 19 20 21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be 23 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows: 24

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Making Oklahoma Kids Healthy Again Act".

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- SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.5 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. The Department of Human Services shall adopt the following measures to verify eligibility in the Supplemental Nutrition

  Assistance Program (SNAP):
- 1. The Department of Human Services shall enter into the following data-matching agreements with state agencies to cross-check households enrolled in SNAP with other state data sets:
  - a. the Department of Human Services shall enter into a data-matching agreement with the Oklahoma Lottery

    Commission and the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission to identify households with lottery or gambling winnings, or a combination thereof, of Three Thousand Dollars

    (\$3,000.00) or more and, to the extent permissible under federal law, treat this data as verified upon receipt. To the extent the data may not be verified upon receipt, the Department of Human Services shall make referrals for further investigation to identify households with winnings equal to or greater than the resource limit for elderly or disabled households, as defined in 7 C.F.R., Section 273.8(b),

1 b. on at least a monthly basis, the Department of Human 2 Services shall receive and review information from the State Department of Health concerning individuals in 3 households enrolled in SNAP that indicates a change in 4 5 circumstances that may affect eligibility for food stamps, including, but not limited to, death records, 6 7 on at least a quarterly basis, the Department of Human C. Services shall receive and review information from the 8 9 Oklahoma Employment Security Commission concerning 10 individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that 11 indicates a change in circumstances that may affect 12 eligibility for assistance, including, but not limited 1.3 to, changes in employment or wages, 14 d. on at least a semi-monthly basis, the Department of

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- Human Services shall receive and review information from the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission concerning individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility for assistance, including, but not limited to, potential changes in employment, income, or assets,
- e. on at least a quarterly basis, the Department of Human Services shall receive and review information from the Oklahoma Tax Commission concerning individuals in

households enrolled in SNAP that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility for assistance, including, but not limited to, potential changes in income, wages, or residency as identified by tax records, and

- f. on at least a monthly basis, the Department of Human

  Services shall receive and review information from the

  Department of Corrections concerning individuals in

  households enrolled in SNAP that indicates a change in

  circumstances that may affect eligibility;
- 2. On at least a monthly basis, the Department of Human Services shall review agency records for information concerning individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility for assistance, including, but not limited to, potential changes in residency as identified by out-of-state electronic benefit transfer card transactions; and
- 3. On at least a monthly basis, the Department of Human Services shall, to assess continued eligibility and act on findings, review:
  - a. earned income information, death register information, incarceration records, supplemental security income information, beneficiary records, earnings

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information, and pension information maintained by the
United States Social Security Administration,

- b. income and employment information maintained in the National Directory of New Hires database and child support enforcement data maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services,
- c. payment and earnings information maintained by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and
- d. national fleeing felon information maintained by the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- B. All households receiving assistance shall be subject to change reporting and report changes in circumstances, pursuant to 7 C.F.R., Section 273.12(a)(1), within ten (10) days of the date the change becomes known to the household.
- C. In no case shall categorical eligibility, pursuant to 7 U.S.C., Section 2014(a) or 273.2(j)(2)(iii), be granted for any noncash, in-kind, or other benefit unless expressly required by federal law for SNAP. The Department of Human Services shall not apply gross income standards for SNAP higher than the standards specified in 7 U.S.C., Section 2014(c), unless expressly required by federal law. Categorical eligibility exempting households from such gross income standards requirements shall not be granted for any

noncash, in-kind, or other benefit, unless expressly required by federal law.

- D. The Department of Human Services shall, with all necessary coordination with appropriate law enforcement authorities, including, but not limited to, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Inspector General, and local law enforcement entities, conduct an on-site inspection of authorized retailers which accept Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card transactions to identify suspicious transaction records or amounts indicating possible trafficking of benefits or other criminal conduct and make referrals for proper investigations under applicable law.
- E. On at least a quarterly basis, the Department of Human Services shall make available to the public on its website data from findings of noncompliance and fraud investigations in SNAP for the following aggregate and nonconfidential and non-personally identifiable information:
  - a. the number of households investigated for intentional program violations or fraud,
  - b. total number of households referred to the Office of the Attorney General for prosecution,
  - c. improper payments and expenditures,
  - d. monies recovered,

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e. aggregate data concerning improper payments and ineligible recipients as a percentage of those investigated and reviewed, and

- f. aggregate amount of funds expended by electronic benefit transfer card transactions in each state outside of Oklahoma.
- SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

The Legislature finds that:

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- 1. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) was created to provide nutritional support to low-income individuals and families to reduce food insecurity;
- 2. A significant portion of SNAP funds is currently spent on nonnutritive items such as soft drinks and candy, which contribute to obesity, diabetes, and other chronic diseases, disproportionately affecting low-income communities;
- 3. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has documented that sugar-sweetened beverages are among the most commonly purchased items using SNAP benefits, undermining the program's goal of promoting healthier food choices; and
- 4. Reducing the purchase of nonnutritive food items with SNAP benefits will enhance public health, reduce long-term healthcare costs, and align the program with its original purpose of improving food security through nutritious food access.

- SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.6 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
  - A. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services is hereby directed to submit a request to the United States Department of Agriculture

    Food and Nutrition Service for a waiver to exclude the following categories of items from being eligible for purchase using

    Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits within the state of Oklahoma:
  - 1. Candy, as defined in Section 1352 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and
- 2. Soft drinks, as defined in Section 1352 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
  - B. The waiver request shall include:

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- 1. Justification for excluding candy and soft drinks from SNAP purchases based on public health and economic impacts;
- 2. A proposed implementation plan, including retailer
  compliance, participant education, and enforcement mechanisms; and
- 3. Any additional supporting data demonstrating the need for this reform.
- SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.7 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

- 1 A. Upon federal approval of the waiver request, the Oklahoma 2 Department of Human Services shall:
  - 1. Develop and issue guidance to retailers authorized by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regarding the exclusion of candy and soft drinks from eligible purchases;
  - 2. Conduct public outreach and education efforts to inform SNAP recipients about the change and encourage healthier purchasing choices;
  - 3. Partner with public health agencies and community organizations to support nutrition education and access to affordable, healthy food options; and
  - 4. Monitor and enforce compliance with the waiver requirements among participating retailers.
    - B. The Department shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives detailing:
      - 1. The implementation status of the waiver;
- 2. Any challenges encountered in enforcement and compliance;
  and
  - 3. The public health and economic impacts observed as a result of this policy change.
- SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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