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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, certain households are categorically eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits because of their eligibility for other public assistance, benefits, or services, including certain noncash or in-kind benefits.

This bill would prohibit the State Department of Human Resources from granting categorical eligibility for SNAP benefits, except as where required by federal law.

This bill would also prohibit the department from applying gross income standards for eligibility for food assistance at an amount higher than as specified in federal law.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public assistance; to prohibit the State Department of Human Resources from granting categorical eligibility for SNAP benefits; and to further provide for gross income standards for eligibility for food assistance.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. Except as otherwise required by federal law,
31 the State Department of Human Resources may not:

32 (1) Apply gross income standards for food assistance,
33 including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),
34 higher than the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. § 2014(c); or

35 (2) Grant categorical eligibility for food assistance
36 or SNAP benefits that exempts households from the gross income
37 standard under subdivision (1) for any noncash, in-kind, or
38 other benefit.

39 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
40 1, 2025.