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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: May 24, 2023

Subject: SB 609 A – Relating to students’ eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits - Work Session Recommendations

SB 609 A requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to consider graduate assistant hours as hours worked in employment for purposes of meeting work requirements in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The measure becomes operative January 1, 2025.

DHS anticipates a cost of \$264,000 to contract for changes to the ONE eligibility system and applicant portal so that graduate assistant work hours may be considered for SNAP eligibility.

The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Committee on Human Services on February 27th, and March 27th and was reported out due pass as amended.

Recommended Changes

The –A2 amendment adds funding to the bill. LFO recommends adoption of the –A2 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A2 amendment to SB 609. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 609, as amended by the –A2 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 609, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____