For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO PRESERVE RESOURCES FOR TRULY NEEDY ARKANSANS AND PROMOTE INDEPENDENCE; TO ADOPT THE FEDERAL RESOURCE LIMITS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO ADOPT THE FEDERAL RESOURCE LIMITS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:


(a) Unless required by federal law:

(1) The resource limit standards of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) shall not exceed the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. § 2014(g)(1); and

(2) Categorical eligibility that exempts households from the federal resource limit standards shall not be granted for any noncash, in-kind, or other benefit.

(b) Unless required by federal law, the Department of Human Services shall not:

(1) Apply gross income standards for food assistance higher than
the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. § 2014(c); or

(2) Grant categorical eligibility that exempts households from the gross income standard under subdivision (b)(1) of this section for any non-cash, in-kind, or other benefit.

/s/McCollum

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