1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: \$4/14/21		
2	93rd General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2021		SENATE BILL 650	
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5	By: Senator J. Dismang			
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7	For An Act To Be Entitled			
8	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASSET LIMITS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL			
9	NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO ALLOW FOR AN			
10	ADJUSTMENT TO THE ASSET LIMIT BASED UPON INFLATION;			
11	TO INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC INFLATION ADJUSTMENT; TO			
12	DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO REQUEST A			
13	BROAD-BASED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY WAIVER; AND FOR			
14	OTHER PURPOSES.			
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17	Subtitle			
18	TO AMEND THE ASSET LIMITS FOR THE			
19	SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE			
20	PROGRAM; AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF			
21	HUMAN SERVICES TO REQUEST A BROAD-BASED			
22	CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY WAIVER.			
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	RKANSAS:	
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27	SECTION 1. Ark	cansas Code § 20-76-115 is amended	to read as follows:	
28	20-76-115. Federal resource Resource limits for Supplemental Nutrition			
29	Assistance Program <u>—</u>	Broad-based categorical eligibilit	y waiver.	
30	(a) Unless required by federal law:			
31	(1) The resource limit standards of the Supplemental Nutrition			
32	Assistance Program shall not exceed the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. §			
33	2014(g)(1); and			
34	(2) Categorical eligibility that exempts households from the			
35	federal resource limit standards shall not be granted for any noncash, in-			
36	kind. or other benefi	.t.		

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1	(b) Unless required by federal law, the Department of Human Services		
2	shall not:		
3	(1) Apply gross income standards for food assistance higher than		
4	the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. § 2014(c); or		
5	(2) Grant categorical eligibility that exempts households from		
6	the gross income standard under subdivision $\frac{(b)(1)}{(a)(1)}$ of this section for		
7	any noncash, in-kind, or other benefit unless under a broad-based categorica		
8	eligibility waiver obtained under subsection (b) of this section.		
9	(b) The Department of Human Services shall request a broad-based		
10	categorical eligibility waiver from the United States Department of		
11	Agriculture to exempt Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applicants		
12	and enrollees from the federal resource limit.		
13	(c)(l) Upon obtaining the broad-based categorical eligibility waiver		
14	requested under subsection (b) of this section, the asset limit under the		
15	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shall be double the amount of the		
16	asset limit allowable under applicable federal law, as it existed on January		
17	<u>1, 2021.</u>		
18	(2) The asset limit shall be automatically adjusted for		
19	inflation on a biennial basis.		
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