1	INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2021-086
2	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: 54/14/21
3	93rd General Assembly A Bill
4	Regular Session, 2021SENATE BILL 650
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6	By: Senator J. Dismang
7	Filed with: Arkansas Legislative Council
8	pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.
9	For An Act To Be Entitled
10	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASSET LIMITS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL
11	NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO ALLOW FOR AN
12	ADJUSTMENT TO THE ASSET LIMIT BASED UPON INFLATION;
13	TO INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC INFLATION ADJUSTMENT; TO
14	DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO REQUEST A
15	BROAD-BASED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY WAIVER; AND FOR
16	OTHER PURPOSES.
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19	Subtitle
20	TO AMEND THE ASSET LIMITS FOR THE
21	SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
22	PROGRAM; AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF
23	HUMAN SERVICES TO REQUEST A BROAD-BASED
24	CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY WAIVER.
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27	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-76-115 is amended to read as follows:
30	20-76-115. Federal resource <u>Resource</u> limits for Supplemental Nutrition
31	Assistance Program <u>— Broad-based categorical eligibility waiver</u> .
32	(a) Unless required by federal law:
33	(1) The resource limit standards of the Supplemental Nutrition
34	Assistance Program shall not exceed the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. §
35	<del>2014(g)(1); and</del>

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