1   State of Arkansas

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2   91st General Assembly

A Bill

3   Regular Session, 2017   HOUSE BILL 2150

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5   By: Representative Penzo

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7   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8   AN ACT TO CREATE AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE

9   SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP); AND

10   FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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13   **Subtitle**

14   TO CREATE AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE

15   SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

16   (SNAP).

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

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21   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 1, is

22   amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23   20-76-114. Incentive program for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

24   Program (SNAP).

25   (a) To the extent funds are available, the Department of Human

26   Services shall create a program to offer incentives for healthy food

27   purchases by recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

28   benefits.

29   (b) The program shall provide monetary increases in benefits received

30   by a recipient of Supplemental *Nutrition Assistance Program*(SNAP) benefits if

31   the recipient purchases foods eligible under the Healthy Incentives Pilot

32   program, including without limitation:

33   (1) Fresh whole or cut fruit without added sugars;

34   (2) Any variety of fresh whole or cut vegetable, except white

35   potatoes, without added sugars, fats, or oils; and

36   (3) Any variety of frozen fruits without added sugars.

1   *(c)(1) To increase the success of the Healthy Incentives Pilot*

2 *Program, nutrition education programs made available through private grants*

3 *up to ten thousand dollars ($10,000) will be offered in the pilot area.*

4   *(2) The program shall be offered by the Arkansas Hunger Relief*

5 *Alliance as part of the Governor's Healthy Active Arkansas framework.*

6   *(d) The Department of Human Services shall seek a waiver from the*

7 *United States Department of Agriculture to implement this section.*

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