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Short Title: Promote Local/Healthy Food. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives LaRoque and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Health and Human Services.

May 17, 2012

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO WORK TOWARD DECREASING OBESITY AMONG SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) PARTICIPANTS BY INCREASING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EDUCATION (SNAP-ED) AND MAKING FRESH, LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE AVAILABLE BY INCREASING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER (EBT) CARDS AT FARMERS MARKETS AND FOOD CO-OPS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall increase the participation of eligible recipients in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-ED), which is an optional federal grant program that addresses nutrition education.

SECTION 1.(b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall report on their progress by October 1, 2013, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.

SECTION 2.(a) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Health and Human Services shall work collaboratively to (i) increase the number of farmers markets and food co-ops accepting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards and (ii) make the location of these farmers markets and food co-ops known to program recipients.

SECTION 2.(b) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Health and Human Services shall make an interim report by March 1, 2013, and a final report by November 1, 2013, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

