

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 710
HOUSE BILL 1123

AN ACT TO STUDY THE PARTICIPATION IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM IN
NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, shall undertake a study of the reasons for the declining participation in the Food Stamp Program in North Carolina since 1980. This study shall examine the trend and extent of North Carolina's food stamp participation rate among AFDC households compared to other states and the barriers, if any, which prevent certain groups of potential food stamp recipients such as children, the elderly, disabled, or working or rural poor from participating in the program.

Sec. 2. The Department of Human Resources, in conjunction with other public and private agencies who work with low-income persons with hunger problems, shall develop recommendations to eliminate the barriers to food stamp participation identified in the study. The report's recommendations shall be accompanied by estimates of the costs and potential benefits of each recommendation and a plan for each recommendation's implementation. The Department shall submit its final report to the Social Services Study Commission, if that Commission is reauthorized, and to the General Assembly by April 1, 1990.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of August, 1989.