

## House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2077

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10        **SECTION 1.** (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as  
11 the "Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program."

12        (2) Subject to appropriation, the Mississippi Department of  
13 Agriculture and Commerce shall fund qualified nonprofit  
14 organizations that shall distribute incentive dollars to  
15 participating Mississippi farmers markets and retailers for  
16 developing a nutrition incentive program to double the purchasing  
17 power of Mississippi residents with limited access to fresh fruits  
18 and vegetables, support farmers, and invest in Mississippi's local  
19 economy.

20        (3) The designated nonprofit organizations shall have a  
21 demonstrated track record of:

22               (a) Building a statewide network;

23               (b) Implementing such funds for distribution and  
24 reporting processes;

25 (c) Providing training and technical assistance to  
26 farmers markets, produce stands, and direct producer-to-consumer  
27 venues;

28 (d) Conducting community outreach and data collection;  
29 and

30 (e) Providing full accounting and administration of  
31 funds distributed to farmers markets and retailers.

32 (4) At least ninety percent (90%) of the money deposited  
33 into the Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program shall be  
34 distributed to participating Mississippi farmers markets, produce  
35 stands, and retailers for healthy food incentives. A maximum of  
36 ten percent (10%) of the money deposited into the Mississippi  
37 Healthy Food and Families Program may be used for administrative  
38 costs.

39 (5) Guidelines and eligibility for the Mississippi Healthy  
40 Food and Families Program shall be established by the Department  
41 of Agriculture, consistent with the U.S. Agriculture Improvement  
42 Act of 2018. For the purposes of this program, "eligible fruits  
43 and vegetables" means any fresh or frozen, whole or cut fruits and  
44 vegetables that do not contain added sugar, fat, oil or salt.  
45 "Eligible retailers" means a small business whose principal office  
46 is located in Mississippi and that has a demonstrated commitment  
47 to procuring Mississippi-grown foods, including fruits and  
48 vegetables.

49 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
50 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI HEALTHY FOOD AND FAMILIES  
2 PROGRAM" WHICH REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND  
3 COMMERCE, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION, TO FUND QUALIFIED MISSISSIPPI  
4 NONPROFITS TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO MISSISSIPPI FARMERS MARKETS AND  
5 RETAILERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MATCHING DOLLAR INCENTIVES  
6 FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS SPENT ON  
7 ELIGIBLE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AT FARMERS MARKETS AND RETAILERS;  
8 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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