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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to food stamps; to provide duties for the
2 Department of Health and Human Services relating to options
3 and waivers.

4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services
2 shall apply for and utilize any and all options and waivers available
3 to the residents of Nebraska under the federal food stamp program and
4 its corresponding rules and regulations, including and in addition to
5 a labor surplus area waiver, in order to ensure that Nebraska
6 administers a comprehensive food stamp program and serves the basic
7 subsistence needs of its residents.

8 (2) If the department is required to choose between or
9 among waivers or options, the department shall apply for the waiver or
10 option that is projected to result in the largest number of persons
11 becoming eligible for benefits under the program, the largest amount
12 of federal funds coming to the state pursuant to the program, or
13 both.