

LLS No. 10-0235_Bill 5_L.002

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY POVERTY
REDUCTION TASK FORCE

After consideration on the merits, the Task Force recommends the following:

BILL 5 - LLS No. 10-0235 be amended as follows:

1 Amend BILL 5, (LLS No. 10-0235), page 4, after line 16 insert:

2 "SECTION 2. Part 3 of article 2, of title 26, Colorado Revised
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
4 read:

5 **26-2-305.5. Categorical eligibility.** (1) AS USED IN THIS
6 SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "FEDERAL LAW"
7 MEANS THE FEDERAL "FOOD AND NUTRITION ACT OF 2008", AND ANY
8 AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT AND ANY FEDERAL REGULATIONS ADOPTED FOR
9 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACT.

10 (2) (a) NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2010, THE STATE DEPARTMENT
11 SHALL CREATE A PROGRAM OR POLICY THAT, IN COMPLIANCE WITH
12 FEDERAL LAW, ESTABLISHES BROAD-BASED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR
13 FEDERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE BENEFITS PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL
14 NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

15 (b) AT A MINIMUM, THE PROGRAM OR POLICY SHALL, TO THE
16 EXTENT AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW:

17 (I) ELIMINATE THE ASSET TEST FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FOOD
18 ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; AND

19 (II) INCREASE THE GROSS INCOME TEST TO TWO HUNDRED PERCENT
20 OF FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, OR GREATER AS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO
21 FEDERAL LAW, FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE
22 BENEFITS."

23 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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