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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the double up food bucks program and making an
2 appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — DOUBLE
2 UP FOOD BUCKS PROGRAM — SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION. There is
3 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department
4 of health and human services for the fiscal year beginning July
5 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, in addition to any other
6 funding appropriated for such purpose, the following amount, or
7 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
8 designated:

9 To provide grants to support the double up food bucks program
10 administered by the Iowa healthiest state initiative to make
11 fresh fruits and vegetables sold at farmers markets, grocery
12 stores, and other participating locations accessible to
13 individuals and families who reside in this state and receive
14 assistance through the federal supplemental nutrition assistance
15 program:

16 \$ 1,000,000

17 1. Beginning January 1, 2026, the department of health and
18 human services, in cooperation with the Iowa healthiest state
19 initiative, shall submit an annual report to the general assembly
20 that provides the following information related to the double up
21 food bucks program, including but not limited to:

- 22 a. The number of participants in the program.
- 23 b. The participating locations, including location type,
24 providing access to participants in the program.
- 25 c. The annual redemption amount and the annual redemption
26 rate of participants in the program.

27 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under
28 this section shall not revert at the close of the fiscal year,
29 but shall remain available for the purposes designated.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill relates to the double up food bucks program
34 by making a supplemental appropriation from the general fund
35 of the state to the department of health and human services

1 (HHS) for fiscal year 2025-2026, in addition to any other
2 funding appropriated for such purpose for the same fiscal
3 year, to provide grants to support the double up food bucks
4 program administered by the Iowa healthiest state initiative
5 to make fresh fruits and vegetables sold at farmers markets,
6 grocery stores, and other participating locations accessible to
7 individuals and families who reside in this state and receive
8 assistance through the federal supplemental nutrition assistance
9 program.

10 Beginning January 1, 2026, HHS, in cooperation with the Iowa
11 healthiest state initiative, shall submit an annual report to the
12 general assembly that provides information related to the double
13 up food bucks program including the number of participants, the
14 participating locations, and the annual redemption amount and
15 rate. Moneys appropriated under the bill do not revert at the
16 close of the fiscal year but remain available for the purposes of
17 the double up food bucks program.