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SYNOPSIS: This bill would require the Department of Human Resources to place a photograph of the recipient on any electronic benefits transfer card (EBT card) issued by the department.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public assistance; to require the Department of Human Resources to place a photograph of the recipient on any electronic benefits transfer card issued by the department.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The Department of Human Resources shall include all of the following on each electronic benefits transfer card issued by the department:

(1) The name and photograph of the recipient of the benefits or the recipient's authorized designee.

1 (2) The words "Fraud Hotline" followed by the
2 telephone number of the department's toll-free hotline for
3 reporting suspected public welfare fraud.

4 (3) The Internet website address maintained by the
5 department for the purpose of allowing persons to report
6 suspected fraud in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
7 Program.

8 (b) Except as provided for minors under subsection
9 (c), the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, upon request by
10 the department, shall provide the department with the
11 photographs of a recipient and each person authorized on the
12 recipient's account that the Alabama State Law Enforcement
13 Agency has in its records. The department shall use the
14 photographs to comply with subsection (a). The department may
15 enter into memoranda of understanding with the Alabama State
16 Law Enforcement Agency for purposes of this section.

17 (c) If a recipient of benefits is a minor, the
18 department shall use the photograph of the minor's parent or
19 legal guardian to satisfy the requirements of subsection (a).

20 (d) The requirements of this section do not apply to
21 an individual who is any of the following:

- 22 (1) Sixty-five years of age or older.
- 23 (2) Blind or mentally or physically disabled.
- 24 (3) A victim of domestic violence.
- 25 (4) Homeless.

26 (e) The department may adopt rules for the
27 implementation and administration of this act.

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.