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2 Introduced by Representatives Surprenant of Barnard, Cole of Hartford,
3 Cordes of Lincoln, Graham of Williamstown, Leavitt of Grand
4 Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Pearl of Danville,
5 Rice of Dorset, and Templeman of Brownington

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Human services; nutrition; Special Supplemental Nutrition for
9 Women, Infants, and Children; farmers' markets

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
11 Departments of Health and for Children and Families to submit a report
12 addressing the use of Special Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants, and
13 Children benefits at farmers' markets.

14 An act relating to the use of Special Supplemental Nutrition for Women,
15 Infants, and Children benefits at farmers' markets

16 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

17 Sec. 1. REPORT; SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM
18 FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC); FARMERS'
19 MARKETS

1 On or before January 15, 2024, the Departments of Health and for Children
2 and Families shall jointly submit a report to the Senate Committee on Health
3 and Welfare and to the House Committee on Human Services addressing the
4 steps necessary to provide farmers' market vendors with payment devices
5 specific to the electronic benefit transfer cards issued to participants of the
6 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.
7 The report shall address the feasibility of and anticipated timeline for procuring
8 and distributing payment devices and the costs associated with the
9 procurement and distribution.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.