

Amend CSHB 2292 as follows:

On page 122, strike subsection (a) and substitute the following:

"(a) Except as provided by Section 31.0033 and notwithstanding any other law, a person for whom the department has made a determination of eligibility for financial assistance and for whom an initial payment of that assistance has been made may not receive any subsequent monthly payments of assistance for the person or the person's family until the person cooperates with the requirements of the responsibility agreement under Section 31.0031. The person and the person's family may receive a financial assistance payment each month only if the person cooperated with those requirements during the previous month.

(2) On Page 123 and 124, strike subsection (a) and substitute the following:

"(a) If the department or title IV-D agency determines that a person has failed to cooperate with the requirements of the responsibility agreement under Section 31.0031 during a one-month period [~~penalties and sanctions should be applied under Section 31.0032~~], the person determined to have failed to cooperate [~~not complied~~] or, if different, the person receiving the financial assistance may request a hearing to show good cause for failure to cooperate [~~noncompliance~~] not later than the 13th day after the date on which notice is received under Section 31.0032. If the person determined to have failed to cooperate or, if different, the person receiving the financial assistance requests a hearing to show good cause not later than the 13th day after the date on which notice is received under Section 31.0032, the department may not withhold or reduce the payment of financial assistance until the 31st day after the department receives the request, provided the department completes the hearing before the 31st day, or the date the hearing is completed. On a showing for good cause for failure to cooperate [~~noncompliance~~], the person may receive a financial assistance payment for the month in which the person failed to cooperate [~~sanctions may not be imposed~~].