BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) has the legal authority to accept monetary donations for use in programs authorized by federal law. DHS does not have the legal authority to accept in-kind donations or donations for any other purpose. As proposed, S.B. 1051 authorizes DHS to solicit in-kind donations as well as monetary donations and facilitate increased donations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 22.001, Human Resources Code, by adding Subsection (e), to authorize the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) to solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations of money or property from public or private sources for use in assisting needy persons or otherwise carrying out any of DHS's functions.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.