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H.B. No. 972

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the computation of income for certain recipients of
3 financial assistance.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Human Resources Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 31.0038 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 31.0038. TEMPORARY EXCLUSION OF NEW SPOUSE'S INCOME.
8 Income earned by an individual who marries an individual receiving
9 financial assistance at the time of the marriage may not be
10 considered by the department during the six-month period following
11 the date of the marriage for purposes of determining:

12 (1) the amount of financial assistance granted to an
13 individual under this chapter for the support of dependent
14 children; or

15 (2) whether the family meets household income and
16 resource requirements for financial assistance under this chapter.

17 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
18 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
19 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
20 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
21 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
22 waiver or authorization is granted.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.