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H.B. No. 2054

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to TANF and Medicaid benefits for additional children born  
3 to TANF recipients.

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. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ADDITIONAL  
8 DEPENDENT CHILDREN. (a) The department may not provide financial  
9 assistance for the support of a child born to a recipient of  
10 financial assistance at least 10 months after the date on which the  
11 recipient initially began receiving the assistance.

12 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a child born to a  
13 recipient who reapplies for financial assistance after not  
14 receiving the assistance for the 12 consecutive months preceding  
15 the date of the reapplication.

16 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the state shall provide  
17 to a child prohibited by that subsection from receiving financial  
18 assistance:

19 (1) child care and other support services provided  
20 under this chapter to a dependent child; and

21 (2) medical assistance.

22 SECTION 2. If before implementing Section 31.0038, Human  
23 Resources Code, as added by this Act, the Texas Department of Human  
24 Services determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal

1 agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the  
2 department shall request the waiver and may delay implementing that  
3 provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and  
5 applies only to a child born on or after July 1, 2004, to a recipient  
6 of financial assistance under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code,  
7 who, on behalf of another child born to the recipient, receives the  
8 assistance on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of  
9 the date on which eligibility for that assistance was determined.