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H.B. No. 2970

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the state program of temporary assistance and related  
3 support services for needy persons.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 34.002, Human Resources Code, is amended  
6 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) If federal law is enacted that imposes work requirements  
8 and work exemptions on two-parent families for purposes of the  
9 financial assistance program under Chapter 31 that are  
10 substantively identical to those that federal law imposes on  
11 one-parent families for purposes of that program, the department  
12 may, on the effective date of the federal law relating to the work  
13 requirements and work exemptions for two-parent families, provide  
14 for establishment of that recipient's eligibility for financial  
15 assistance under Chapter 31 instead of under this chapter in a  
16 manner that avoids disruption of benefits for which the recipient  
17 is eligible.

18 SECTION 2. Section 34.007, Human Resources Code, is amended  
19 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 34.007. REPORT. The Health and Human Services  
21 Commission, the department, and the Texas Workforce Commission  
22 shall monitor implementation and operation of the state program  
23 and, not later than September 1 of each year, jointly report to the  
24 governor, the legislature, and the Legislative Budget Board on the

1 status and use of the state program. [~~The report required to be~~  
2 ~~submitted not later than September 1, 2002, must include:~~

3 [~~(1) an analysis of whether the state program has~~  
4 ~~effectively met the goals of the program, including improved~~  
5 ~~delivery of services to program recipients, and~~

6 [~~(2) recommendations regarding continuation of the~~  
7 ~~program.~~]

8 SECTION 3. Section 5, Chapter 1440, Acts of the 77th  
9 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is repealed.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.