

1-1 By: Naishtat (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2970
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2003;
1-3 May 13, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the state program of temporary assistance and related
1-9 support services for needy persons.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 34.002, Human Resources Code, is amended
1-12 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-13 (d) If federal law is enacted that imposes work
1-14 participation rate requirements on two-parent families for
1-15 purposes of the financial assistance program under Chapter 31 that
1-16 are substantively identical to those that federal law imposes on
1-17 one-parent families for purposes of that program, the department
1-18 may, on the effective date of the federal law relating to the work
1-19 participation rate requirements for two-parent families, provide
1-20 for establishment of that recipient's eligibility for financial
1-21 assistance under Chapter 31 instead of under this chapter in a
1-22 manner that avoids disruption of benefits for which the recipient
1-23 is eligible.

1-24 SECTION 2. Section 34.007, Human Resources Code, is amended
1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 34.007. REPORT. The Health and Human Services
1-27 Commission, the department, and the Texas Workforce Commission
1-28 shall monitor implementation and operation of the state program
1-29 and, not later than September 1 of each year, jointly report to the
1-30 governor, the legislature, and the Legislative Budget Board on the
1-31 status and use of the state program. ~~[The report required to be~~
1-32 ~~submitted not later than September 1, 2002, must include:~~

1-33 ~~[(1) an analysis of whether the state program has~~
1-34 ~~effectively met the goals of the program, including improved~~
1-35 ~~delivery of services to program recipients; and~~

1-36 ~~[(2) recommendations regarding continuation of the~~
1-37 ~~program.]~~

1-38 SECTION 3. Section 5, Chapter 1440, Acts of the 77th
1-39 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is repealed.

1-40 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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