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S.B. No. 66

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to addressing the transportation needs of certain
3 recipients of financial assistance.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is
6 amended by adding Sections 302.0036 and 302.0037 to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 302.0036. TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE. (a) To the
9 extent funds are available, the commission and local workforce
10 development boards shall provide transportation assistance to
11 recipients of financial assistance participating in employment
12 programs under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, that enables the
13 recipients to maintain a stable work history and attain financial
14 stability and self-sufficiency.

15 (b) The commission and local workforce development boards
16 may provide the assistance described by Subsection (a) by
17 implementing new initiatives or expanding existing initiatives
18 that provide transportation assistance to recipients of financial
19 assistance for whom transportation is a barrier to employment.

20 Sec. 302.0037. MAXIMIZING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION
21 ASSISTANCE. (a) The commission and local workforce development
22 boards shall maximize the state's receipt of federal funds
23 available to provide transportation assistance to recipients of
24 financial assistance participating in employment programs under

1 Chapter 31, Human Resources Code.

2 (b) The commission and local workforce development boards
3 may, within any applicable appropriation limits, take any action
4 required by federal law to receive federal funds to provide
5 transportation assistance.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.