

Amend CSSB 1188 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION __. (a) Section 32.024(w), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(w) The department shall set a personal needs allowance of not less than \$45 a month and, subject to availability of funds, shall set the personal needs allowance in an amount not less than \$60 a month for a resident of a convalescent or nursing home or related institution licensed under Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, personal care facility, ICF-MR facility, or other similar long-term care facility who receives medical assistance. The department may send the personal needs allowance directly to a resident who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) (42 U.S.C. Section 1381 et seq.). This subsection does not apply to a resident who is participating in a medical assistance waiver program administered by the department.

(b) This section applies only to a personal needs allowance paid on or after the effective date of this Act.