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H.B. No. 630

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 630:

By: Davis of Dallas

C.S.H.B. No. 630

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the distribution of federal earned income tax credit information to persons receiving assistance or benefits under certain health and human services programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.087 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.087. DISTRIBUTION OF EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT INFORMATION. (a) The commission shall ensure that educational materials relating to the federal earned income tax credit are provided in accordance with this section to each person receiving assistance or benefits under:

(1) the child health plan program;

(2) the financial assistance program under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code;

(3) the medical assistance program under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code;

(4) the food stamp program under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code; or

(5) another appropriate health and human services program.

(b) In accordance with Sections 531.0312 and 531.0317, the commission shall, by mail or through the Internet or residential telephone directories, as applicable, provide a person described by

1 Subsection (a) with access to:

2 (1) Internal Revenue Service publications relating to  
3 the federal earned income tax credit or information prepared by the  
4 comptroller under Section 403.025 relating to that credit;

5 (2) federal income tax forms necessary to claim the  
6 federal earned income tax credit; and

7 (3) the location of at least one program in close  
8 geographic proximity to the person that provides free federal  
9 income tax preparation services to low-income and other eligible  
10 persons.

11 (c) In January of each year, the commission or a  
12 representative of the commission shall mail to each person  
13 described by Subsection (a) information about the federal earned  
14 income tax credit that provides the person with referrals to the  
15 resources described by Subsection (b).

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.