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H.B. No. 2788

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to supplemental financial assistance for certain primary caretakers of a dependent child.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.0041, Human Resources Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) To the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, the department may provide supplemental financial assistance in addition to the amount of financial assistance granted for the support of a dependent child who is less than 18 years of age under Section 31.003 to a person who:

(1) is 45 years of age or older;

(2) is the grandparent of the dependent child, as defined by Section 31.002, who lives at the person's residence;

(3) is the primary caretaker of the dependent child;

(4) has a family income that is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level; and

(5) does not have resources that exceed the amount allowed for financial assistance under this chapter.

(b) Supplemental financial assistance provided to a person under this section may include one or more cash payments, not to exceed a total of \$1,000 per year, after determination of eligibility for supplemental financial assistance under this

1 section.

2 (f) The department annually shall review:

3 (1) the financial eligibility of a person receiving
4 supplemental financial assistance under this section; and

5 (2) whether the dependent child continues to live with
6 the person receiving supplemental financial assistance under this
7 section.

8 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
9 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
10 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
11 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
12 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
13 waiver or authorization is granted.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.