

Amend SB 1096 (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in the introductory language (page 1, line 41) between "(g)" and "to", insert "through (j)".

(2) In SECTION 4 of the bill, strike amended Subsection (c), Section 31.012, Human Resources Code (page 1, line 58, through page 2, line 7), and substitute the following:

(c) An adult recipient providing care for a disabled family member living in the home, if the family member does not attend school full-time, is not required to participate in a program under this section. A person who is physically or mentally disabled or the caretaker of a physically or mentally disabled child who, because of the care required for the child, is prevented from participating for the number of hours required under Subsection (a), [~~requires the caretaker's presence~~] is not required to participate in a program under this section if the Health and Human Services Commission determines that the disability or condition is expected to last six months or longer. A single person who is the caretaker of a child is not required to participate in a program under this section [~~exempt~~] until the caretaker's youngest child at the time the caretaker first became eligible for assistance reaches the age of one. Notwithstanding Sections 31.0035(b) and 32.0255(b), the department shall provide to a person who is not required to participate in a program [~~exempt~~] under this subsection and who voluntarily participates in a program under Subsection (a)(2) six months of transitional benefits in addition to the applicable limit prescribed by Section 31.0065.

(3) In SECTION 4 of the bill, immediately following added Subsection (g), Section 31.012, Human Resources Code (page 2, between lines 22 and 23), insert the following:

(h) A determination by the Health and Human Services Commission that a person is not required to participate in a program under this section remains in effect until the person's next eligibility recertification. On the person's initial eligibility recertification and on each subsequent eligibility recertification, the Texas Workforce Commission shall determine whether the person is required to participate in a program under this section using the process developed under Subsection (i),

except that if the person has an application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits under 42 U.S.C. Section 1381 et seq. pending on the date of the person's eligibility recertification, the Health and Human Services Commission shall determine whether the person is required to participate.

(i) The Health and Human Services Commission, after receiving recommendations from the Texas Workforce Commission and the Department of Aging and Disability Services, shall develop and implement a process for:

(1) determining whether a person's physical or mental disability would prevent the person or the person's caretaker, if the person is a child, from participating in a program under this section; and

(2) ensuring that a person who is physically or mentally disabled but who is required to participate in a program under this section has equal access and opportunity to participate in employment and training activities as required by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.).

(j) The Texas Workforce Commission shall develop and provide training regarding the process developed under Subsection (i) to local workforce development board staff and contractors that provide employment and training services under this section.