

1-1 By: Uresti S.B. No. 1764
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1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to a pilot program to facilitate food stamp program
1-11 outreach efforts and eligibility determination processes.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 531.066 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 531.066. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM OUTREACH AND ELIGIBILITY
1-16 DETERMINATION PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall develop and
1-17 implement a pilot program in the South Texas region under which a
1-18 private retail business that provides services related to the food
1-19 stamp program administered under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code,
1-20 enters into an agreement with the commission to support outreach
1-21 efforts and eligibility determinations for that program.

1-22 (b) Subject to state and federal laws governing the food
1-23 stamp program, an agreement between a private retail business
1-24 participating in the pilot program and the commission may require
1-25 the business to:

1-26 (1) provide informational materials, including
1-27 eligibility guidelines and eligibility redetermination
1-28 information, to the customers of the business and other persons
1-29 regarding the food stamp program;

1-30 (2) perform outreach services, as determined by the
1-31 commission, with respect to the program; and

1-32 (3) provide space at the retail locations of the
1-33 business at which commission staff and contractors of the
1-34 commission may conduct outreach efforts and eligibility
1-35 determinations related to the program.

1-36 (c) In developing the pilot program, the executive
1-37 commissioner may adopt rules regarding the requirements applicable
1-38 to a private retail business that participates in the program.

1-39 (d) Not later than December 1, 2008, the commission shall
1-40 submit a report to the legislature that includes:

1-41 (1) an evaluation of the pilot program, including the
1-42 program's effects on the food stamp program; and

1-43 (2) recommendations regarding the continuation or
1-44 expansion of the pilot program.

1-45 (e) This section expires September 1, 2009.

1-46 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
1-47 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
1-48 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
1-49 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
1-50 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
1-51 waiver or authorization is granted.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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