

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 3571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a pilot program to facilitate food stamp program outreach efforts and eligibility determination processes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) provide space at the retail locations of the

1 business at which commission staff and contractors of the
2 commission may conduct outreach efforts and eligibility
3 determinations related to the program.

4 (c) In developing the pilot program, the executive
5 commissioner may adopt rules regarding the requirements applicable
6 to a private retail business that participates in the program.

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

9 (1) an evaluation of the pilot program, including the
10 program's effects on the food stamp program; and

11 (2) recommendations regarding the continuation or
12 expansion of the pilot program.

13 (e) This section expires September 1, 2009.

14 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
15 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
16 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
17 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
18 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
19 waiver or authorization is granted.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

ADOPTED

MAY 23 2007

Leroy Spaul
Secretary of the Senate

By: Rose/Wesfi

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3571:

By: [Signature]

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4 (b-1) An agreement between a private retail business
5 participating in the pilot program and the commission may authorize
6 the business to:

7 (1) implement strategies to encourage recipients of
8 food stamps who are also Medicaid recipients to engage in healthy
9 behaviors; and

10 (2) provide incentives to recipients described by
11 Subdivision (1) who are children younger than 21 years of age to
12 make timely health care visits under the early and periodic
13 screening, diagnosis, and treatment program.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2007

TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3571** by Rose (Relating to a pilot program to facilitate food stamp program outreach efforts and eligibility determination processes.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Subchapter B, Chapter 531, of the Government Code by adding Section 531.066, which states that the Health and Human Services Commission shall implement a pilot program in the South Texas region to contract with a private retail business to support outreach efforts and eligibility determination for the food stamp program.

The private entity may provide informational materials, perform appropriate outreach services, lend staffing support to conduct outreach, and provide office space to conduct outreach efforts and eligibility determinations. A report on the pilot program would be due December 1, 2008.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

While it is possible that the outreach efforts may increase enrollment in programs that would require state expenditures, the extent of possible outreach is unknown at this time, and HHSC estimates no significant fiscal impact from the bill.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

LBB Staff: JOB, KJG, CL, PP, MB

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 14, 2007

TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3571 by Rose (Relating to a pilot program to facilitate food stamp program outreach efforts and eligibility determination processes.), **As Engrossed**

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FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 25, 2007

TO: Honorable Patrick M. Rose, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3571 by Rose (Relating to a pilot program to facilitate food stamp program outreach efforts and eligibility determination processes.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 13, 2007

TO: Honorable Patrick M. Rose, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3571 by Rose (Relating to partnerships between the Health and Human Services Commission and private entities to conduct health and human services program outreach efforts.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Subchapter B, Chapter 531, of the Government Code by adding Section 531.066, which states that the Health and Human Services Commission shall enter into partnerships with private entities, including retail and other businesses that agree to conduct outreach efforts for several programs, including the Children's Health Insurance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, food stamps, and any other program the Commission determines is appropriate.

The private entity may provide informational materials, perform appropriate outreach functions, lend staffing support to conduct outreach, and provide office space to conduct outreach campaigns.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

While it is possible that the outreach efforts may increase enrollment in the programs listed above, the extent of possible outreach is unknown at this time, and HHSC estimates no significant fiscal impact from the bill.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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