

Amend CSHB 2962 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 33.0151 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0151. FOOD STAMP ELIGIBILITY PERIOD AND PERIODIC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. (a) The department, to the maximum extent allowed by federal law, shall provide that a person who is determined to be eligible for benefits under the food stamp program remains eligible for those benefits for a period of at least 12 months unless the department determines that a shorter eligibility period is necessary to ensure program integrity.

(b) The department may require food stamp recipients to periodically report changes in household circumstances in accordance with Section 6(c)(1)(A), Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. Section 2015(c)(1)(A)).