

Amend CSSB 1, Article XII, by adding a new appropriately numbered section to read as follows:

Sec.\_\_\_\_. QUALIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL TANF FUNDS. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, in order to maximize the amount of federal TANF funds that might become available to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the Commission shall use federal TANF funds appropriated to the agency in Strategy D.1.1. TANF (Cash Assistance) Grants for Fiscal Year 2011 in Fiscal Year 2010 for the purpose of qualifying for additional federal relief under Section 2101(a)(3)(B), Expenditures for Non-recurrent Short Term Benefits, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Commission may temporarily adjust the amounts of the non-recurring back-to-school grant for each TANF child, the stipend for grandparents caring for TANF children, or other existing stipend or grant authorized under current state law in order to qualify the state for additional relief.