

Amend CSSB 855 (Senate committee printing), in SECTION 1 of the bill, in proposed Subchapter D, Local Government Code (page 13, between lines 35 and 36), by inserting the following:

Sec. 446.1555. LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. (a)
Notwithstanding Section 446.053, a county shall adopt guidelines and requirements to create a low-income assistance program. The guidelines at a minimum must include:

(1) a minimum and maximum amount of assistance;
(2) criteria for determining eligibility, taking into account:

(A) the individual's or family's income, which may not exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty level; and

(B) any other relevant considerations; and

(3) safeguards for preventing fraud in the program.

(b) A county shall provide an electronic means for distributing or crediting assistance funding after all program criteria have been met.