

By: Turner of Harris

H.B. No. 1200

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility for the child health plan program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 62.101(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission shall establish income eligibility levels consistent with Title XXI, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1397aa et seq.), as amended, and any other applicable law or regulations, and subject to the availability of appropriated money, so that a child who is younger than 19 years of age and whose net family income is at or below 300 [~~200~~] percent of the federal poverty level is eligible for health benefits coverage under the program. In addition, the commission may establish eligibility standards regarding the amount and types of allowable assets for a family whose net family income is above 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.