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

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

IN RE: HB886 by Naishtat (Relating to an exemption from the food stamp employment and training program requirement for certain persons.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 33, Human Resources Code by exempting people from participating in the food stamp employment and training program if the person works an average of at least 20 hours each week or receives average weekly earnings equal to at least 20 times the minimum wage.

The Health and Human Services Commission indicates that the changes in automated systems, training curriculum, and eligibility workload required to implement the bill could be done within existing resources. The Texas Workforce Commission anticipates a possible reduction in the food stamp employment and training program, but are unable to determine the exact impact.

If enacted, the bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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