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H.B. No. 710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to electronic imaging used in the financial assistance and  
3 supplemental nutritional assistance programs.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.0325, Human Resources Code, is  
6 repealed.

7 SECTION 2. On the effective date of this Act, the Health and  
8 Human Services Commission and each health and human services  
9 agency, as defined by Section 531.001, Government Code, shall  
10 discontinue using electronic fingerprint-imaging or photo-imaging  
11 of applicants for and recipients of financial assistance under  
12 Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, or food stamp benefits under  
13 Chapter 33, Human Resources Code.

14 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
15 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
16 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
17 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
18 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
19 waiver or authorization is granted.

20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.