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H.B. No. 423

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the determination of the eligibility of certain households for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 33.030 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.030. INCLUSION OF INCOME AND EXPENSES OF INELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS IN DETERMINING SNAP ELIGIBILITY. To the extent allowed by federal law, in determining the eligibility for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits of a household that includes a person who is ineligible for those benefits, the department shall include in the household income all of the income and deductible expenses of the ineligible household member.

SECTION 2. Section 33.030, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, applies to an initial determination or recertification of eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, that is made on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. 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.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.