

Amend CSHB 1485 (house committee report), by striking page 3, line 16 through page 6, line 23, and substituting the following:

Sec. 26.002. ADMINISTRATION OF GROCERY ACCESS PROGRAM. (a) The department shall contract with one or more community development financial institutions, as defined by 12 U.S.C. Section 4702, to administer the program through a public-private partnership.

(b) A community development financial institution contracted with under Subsection (a) shall, in accordance with this chapter and any other rules adopted by the department under this chapter, establish program guidelines, raise matching funds, promote the program statewide, evaluate applicants, underwrite and disburse grants and loans, and monitor compliance with and the impact of the program.

(c) The department shall establish rules or other procedures as necessary to administer this chapter, including reporting and accountability requirements.

(d) The department is authorized to accept gifts, grants, donations, in-kind contributions, and other types of financial assistance in furtherance of the goals of the program.

(e) The total amount of general revenue distributed may not exceed \$5 million for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2017.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2015, the Department of Agriculture shall adopt rules to administer Chapter 26, Agriculture Code, as added by this Act. The department may adopt its initial rules as temporary emergency rules under Section 2001.034, Government Code.

SECTION 3. Not later than December 15, 2015, the Department of Agriculture shall contract with one or more community development financial institutions as provided by Section 26.002, Agriculture Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4. Not later than December 15, 2016, the Department of Agriculture shall report to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chairs of each standing committee of each house with jurisdiction over Department of Agriculture programs regarding implementation of Chapter 26,

Agriculture Code, as added by this Act.