

By: King of Taylor

H.B. No. 3655

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a strategy to ensure proper use of money under the
3 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

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

5 SECTION 1. The Health and Human Services Commission shall
6 develop a strategy to ensure that money used to provide financial
7 assistance benefits under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, is used
8 by recipients of those benefits for its intended purposes. The
9 strategy must include developing a method to prevent fraud, waste,
10 and abuse by better accounting for purchases made by recipients.

11 SECTION 2. This Act expires December 31, 2016.

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

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.