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TO: Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3575** by Turner, Sylvester (Relating to eligibility for supplemental financial assistance provided to certain grandparents.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 31 of the Human Resources Code to exclude any motor vehicle as a countable resource when determining an individual's eligibility for supplemental financial assistance known as the One-Time Grandparent Payment. The bill directs the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to seek any necessary federal waiver or authorization and allows them to delay implementation until approval is received.

HHSC assumes that costs associated with the adoption of rules, policy, and process changes are immaterial and could be absorbed within existing resources. Application and system modifications to the Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System would be required to exclude motor vehicles from the relevant eligibility calculations. This analysis assumes that HHSC could absorb these costs within existing resources. HHSC has indicated that the change in law may result in an increase in applications. However, HHSC assumes this increase in applications would not result in any significant fiscal impact.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect on August 31, 2015.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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