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TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB936 by Kolkhorst (Relating to the eligibility for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits for certain persons who owe delinquent child support.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 33 of the Human Resources Code to disqualify an individual from receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits any month in which the individual is delinquent in making court-ordered child support payments.

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has indicated that eligibility staff would be required to track child support delinquencies and impose SNAP benefits disqualifications. Increased costs to establish and collect claims may involve additional FTEs, travel, printing, and postage. These costs can not be determined because the number of additional cases which could result from those eligible for SNAP benefits who also have delinquent court-ordered child support payments can not be determined.

Application and system modifications to the Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System would need to be made to implement the bill. This analysis assumes that the modifications could be absorbed within existing resources. The OAG anticipates any legal work resulting from the passage of this bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

The bill would go into effect on September 1, 2015.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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