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S.B. No. 205

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility for supplemental financial assistance provided to certain grandparents.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.0041, Human Resources Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) To the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, the commission may provide supplemental financial assistance in addition to the amount of financial assistance granted for the support of a dependent child under Section 31.003 to a person who:

- (1) is 45 years of age or older;
- (2) is the grandparent of the dependent child, as defined by Section 31.002, who lives at the person's residence;
- (3) is the primary caretaker of the dependent child;
- (4) has a family income that is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level; and

(5) subject to Subsection (a-1), does not have resources that exceed the amount allowed for financial assistance under this chapter.

(a-1) Notwithstanding Section 31.032(d)(2), in determining whether a person is eligible for supplemental financial assistance under this section, the commission shall exclude from the person's available resources the fair market value of the ownership interest

1 of the applicant or a member of the applicant's household in a motor
2 vehicle.

3 SECTION 2. Section 31.0041, Human Resources Code, as
4 amended by this Act, applies only to a determination of eligibility
5 of a person for supplemental financial assistance under that
6 section that is made on or after the effective date of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
8 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
9 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
10 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
11 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
12 waiver or authorization is granted.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.