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S.B. No. 1218

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to transitional child-care services in the Temporary
3 Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.012(c), Human Resources Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) A person who is the caretaker of a child with a physical
8 disability or mental, intellectual, or developmental disability
9 who requires the caretaker's presence is not required to
10 participate in a program under this section. A single person who is
11 the caretaker of a child is exempt until the caretaker's youngest
12 child at the time the caretaker first became eligible for
13 assistance reaches the age of one. Notwithstanding Section
14 [~~Sections 31.0035(b) and~~ 32.0255(b), the Health and Human Services
15 Commission shall provide to a person who is exempt under this
16 subsection and who voluntarily participates in a program under
17 Subsection (a)(2) six months of transitional benefits in addition
18 to the applicable limit prescribed by Section 31.0065.

19 SECTION 2. Section 31.0035, Human Resources Code, is
20 repealed.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.