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By:  Springer H.B. No. 285

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to work requirements and employment and training services for certain persons receiving benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Sections 33.016 and 33.017 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.016.  CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM SNAP WORK REQUIREMENTS PROHIBITED. The commission may not:

(1)  request a waiver of the applicability of work requirements as authorized under 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(o)(4); or

(2)  provide an exemption from work requirements as authorized under 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(o)(6).

Sec. 33.017.  EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES FOR CERTAIN SNAP RECIPIENTS. (a) This section applies to a person who is subject to the work requirements under 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(d)(1). This section does not apply to a person who is subject to the work requirements under 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(o)(2).

(b)  The commission, in conjunction with the Texas Workforce Commission, shall ensure that a person to whom this section applies receives supplemental nutrition assistance program employment and training services.

SECTION 2.  The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an initial determination or recertification of eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, that is made on or after the effective date of this Act. A determination or recertification made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the determination or recertification was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.