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H.B. No. 285

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 285:

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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. The commission, in conjunction with the Texas Workforce Commission, shall ensure that a person who is at least 18 years of age but younger than 50 years of age, who has no dependents, and who does not have a disability receives supplemental nutrition assistance program employment and training services unless the person is eligible for an individual waiver under the program.

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

1 Resources Code, that is made on or after the effective date of this  
2 Act. A determination or recertification made before the effective  
3 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the  
4 determination or recertification was made, and the former law is  
5 continued in effect for that purpose.

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

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