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H.B. No. 285

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to work requirements and employment and training services
3 for certain persons receiving benefits under the supplemental
4 nutrition assistance program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
24 an initial determination or recertification of eligibility for the

1 supplemental nutrition assistance program under Chapter 33, Human
2 Resources Code, that is made on or after the effective date of this
3 Act. A determination or recertification made before the effective
4 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
5 determination or recertification was made, and the former law is
6 continued in effect for that purpose.

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 September 1, 2019.