

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 2335

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disaster 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 Section 33.0025 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0025. DISASTER SNAP. (a) In this section, "program" means the program to provide supplemental nutrition assistance benefits to victims of a disaster as authorized by 7 U.S.C. Section 2014.

(b) The commission shall:

(1) collaborate with county judges to:

(A) evaluate, develop, and maintain a list of potential sites that meet federal requirements for in-person application for program benefits; and

(B) annually update the list developed under Paragraph (A); and

(2) assess the feasibility of, subject to being granted any necessary federal waiver:

(A) accepting program benefits applications online and by telephone; and

(B) staffing a high-volume call center to process those applications.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date

1 of this Act:

2 (1) the Health and Human Services Commission shall
3 consult with federal officials, including the members of the Texas
4 delegation to the United States Senate and House of Representatives
5 and the United States Department of Agriculture regarding repealing
6 the in-person application requirement for supplemental nutrition
7 assistance benefits for victims of a disaster; and

8 (2) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
9 Services Commission shall, if necessary, develop and seek a waiver
10 or other appropriate authorization from the United States secretary
11 of agriculture to allow submission of applications online and by
12 telephone for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits for
13 victims of a disaster.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

ADOPTED

MAY 22 2019

Atty. Gen.
Secretary of the Senate

By: Walle/Kolkhorst

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Substitute the following for ____B. No. _____:

By: Campbell

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11 (1) in collaboration with local government officials:

12 (A) create a directory of local points of contact
13 for the operation of the program;

14 (B) determine the best method for communication
15 between the commission and local government officials regarding the
16 program; and

17 (C) evaluate, develop, and maintain a list of
18 potential sites for in-person application for program benefits that
19 meet federal requirements;

20 (2) enter into memorandums of understanding with local
21 government agencies documenting the roles and responsibilities of
22 the commission and each local government agency regarding the
23 determination of the need for and the location of sites for
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1 in-person application for program benefits; and

2 (3) provide information regarding the program and
3 strategies for effective collaboration between local governments
4 and the commission to local government officials in coastal
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FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 23, 2019

TO: Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2335 by Walle (Relating to the disaster supplemental nutrition assistance program.),
As Passed 2nd House

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 33 of the Human Resources Code to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to collaborate with and provide information to local government officials and agencies regarding certain aspects of administering the disaster supplemental nutrition assistance program. HHSC indicates it could absorb the costs associated with the bill within its current resources.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal implication to counties is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

LBB Staff: WP, SD, ADe, AKi, ER, AF

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FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2019

TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2335** by Walle (Relating to the disaster supplemental nutrition assistance program.),
Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

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FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 19, 2019

TO: Honorable Poncho Nevárez, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

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As Introduced

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