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By:  Ortega H.B. No. 1353

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to continued household eligibility for supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits on the ineligibility of the head of household for failure to comply with certain work requirements.

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 33.0181 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0181.  CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY OF HOUSEHOLD FOR SNAP ON INELIGIBILITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN WORK REQUIREMENTS. If the head of household becomes ineligible to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program because the head of household failed to comply with work requirements under 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(d)(1)(A), the other members of the household are not ineligible for program benefits on that basis and the commission may not determine the household ineligible under 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(d)(1)(B) to participate in the program.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies to a person who receives benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of the date on which eligibility for benefits under the program was determined.

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, 2021.