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H.B. No. 1353

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to continued household eligibility for supplemental
3 nutrition assistance program benefits on the ineligibility of the
4 head of household for failure to comply with certain work
5 requirements.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code,
8 is amended by adding Section 33.0181 to read as follows:

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

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

24 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act

1 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
2 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
3 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
4 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
5 waiver or authorization is granted.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.