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S.B. No. 1151

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of transitional supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to certain households.

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 33.0151 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0151. TRANSITIONAL BENEFITS ALTERNATIVE. (a) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules in accordance with 7 U.S.C. Section 2020(s) and 7 C.F.R. Part 273, Subpart H, to provide transitional supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to a household:

(1) that ceases to receive cash assistance under the financial assistance program established under Chapter 31 and funded under Part A, Title IV, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 601 et seq.); or

(2) with children that ceases to receive cash assistance under a state-funded public assistance program.

(b) In adopting rules under this section, the executive commissioner shall ensure that each household that qualifies for transitional supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits receives the benefits for the maximum period allowed under federal law.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.