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TO: Honorable James B. Frank, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1353 by Ortega (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.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would amend Chapter 33 of the Human Resources Code to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to continue Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility for other household members in the event the head of household becomes ineligible to participate in SNAP due to failure to comply with certain work requirements. By implementing this provision, the number of SNAP recipients and program caseload will increase. All SNAP benefits are federally funded; therefore, an increase in other household members remaining SNAP eligible would not be an additional cost to the state.

This analysis assumes there would be minimal costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill that could be absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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