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S.B. No. 1031

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to eligibility for and benefits under the supplemental
3 nutrition assistance program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code,
6 is amended by adding Sections 33.0025 and 33.020 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 33.0025. SNAP QUALITY CONTROL REVIEW PROCESS. (a) In
8 accordance with federal law, including 7 U.S.C. Section 2025(c),
9 the commission shall implement a quality control review process
10 under which the commission on a monthly basis conducts a review of a
11 random sample of households which are participating in the
12 supplemental nutrition assistance program and households for which
13 participation in the program was denied, suspended, or terminated
14 to determine whether the selected households are eligible and
15 receiving the correct allotment of benefits under the program.

16 (b) For purposes of conducting the quality control review
17 process, the commission may access or use appropriate electronic
18 data sources to verify a household's eligibility for and correct
19 allotment of benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance
20 program.

21 Sec. 33.020. PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN PERSONS FOR
22 SNAP BENEFITS. (a) Except as provided by Section 33.019(b)(3), the
23 commission by rule shall ensure that an individual whose
24 eligibility for supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits

1 has been initially established or recertified remains eligible to
2 receive those benefits for a period of 12 months.

3 (b) The commission may adjust the eligibility period
4 described by Subsection (a) as necessary to align an individual's
5 recertification of eligibility for supplemental nutrition
6 assistance program benefits with the redetermination of
7 eligibility of a child residing in the same household for medical
8 assistance benefits under Chapter 32.

9 (c) This section does not apply to an individual receiving
10 supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits who:

11 (1) at the time the individual's eligibility for
12 benefits is initially established or recertified, expects a change
13 in circumstances within six months following the establishment or
14 recertification of eligibility that will make the individual
15 ineligible to receive the benefits;

16 (2) is 60 years of age or older or has a disability,
17 has no earned income, and resides in a household in which every
18 other individual residing in the household:

19 (A) is 60 years of age or older or has a
20 disability; and

21 (B) has no earned income; or

22 (3) resides in a household in which at least one
23 individual:

24 (A) is at least 18 years of age but younger than
25 54 years of age;

26 (B) has no dependents; and

27 (C) does not have a disability.

1 (d) During the 12-month eligibility period prescribed by
2 this section, the commission shall require that the individual
3 submit to the commission a periodic report indicating whether the
4 individual has experienced a change in income, household
5 composition, or residence. The commission shall require that the
6 individual submit the report not earlier than the fourth month and
7 not later than the sixth month after the date the individual's
8 eligibility was initially established or recertified.

9 (e) The commission may automate the processing of periodic
10 reports required under this section in which no change in
11 circumstances is reported.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an
13 initial determination or recertification of eligibility of an
14 individual for the supplemental nutrition assistance program under
15 Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, that is made on or after the
16 effective date of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
18 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
19 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
20 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
21 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
22 waiver or authorization is granted.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.