By: Bucy H.B. No. 513

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain persons following certain criminal convictions for financial assistance benefits and the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 31.0321 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.0321. ELIGIBILITY FOLLOWING CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS. As authorized by 21 U.S.C. Section 862a(d)(1)(A), 21 U.S.C. Section 862a(a) does not apply in determining the eligibility of any person for financial assistance.

SECTION 2. Section 33.018(a), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) As authorized by 21 U.S.C. Section 862a(d)(1)(A) [~~862a(d)(1) and except as provided by this section~~], 21 U.S.C. Section 862a(a) [~~862a(a)(2)~~] does not apply in determining the eligibility of any person for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

SECTION 3. Sections 33.018(b) and (c), Human Resources Code, are repealed.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an initial determination or redetermination of eligibility of a person for financial assistance under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, or supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits under

Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, made on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 5. 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 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.