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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of an organization to receive surplus agricultural products under certain grants awarded by the Department of Agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.002, Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.002. ELIGIBILITY. Subject to available funds, a nonprofit organization is eligible to receive a grant under this chapter if the organization:

(1) has at least five years of experience coordinating a statewide network of food banks and charitable organizations that serve each county of this state;

(2) operates a program that coordinates the collection and transportation of surplus agricultural products to [~~a statewide network of~~] food banks in this state that provide food to needy or low-income individuals; and

(3) submits to the department, in the manner and time prescribed by the department, a proposal for the collection and distribution to food banks or other charitable organizations for use in providing food to needy or low-income individuals of surplus agricultural products, including:

(A) a description of the proposal;

(B) a schedule of projected costs for the

proposal;

(C) measurable goals for the proposal; and

(D) a plan for evaluating the success of the proposal.

SECTION 2. Chapter 21, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 21.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.004. DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES TO FOOD BANKS. A nonprofit organization that receives a grant under this chapter must make surplus agricultural products and other grant resources available to any food bank headquartered in this state that:

(1) has the capacity to receive and store truckload quantities of perishable agricultural products; and

(2) distributes the agricultural products free of charge to local food programs.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.