

CHAPTER 938

H.B. No. 2259

An Act relating to the administration, reduction, or termination of block grant funds.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 4(a), Chapter 467, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 6252-13e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(a) *In the course of developing its proposed request for legislative appropriations before each regular legislative session* [~~Before formulating or substantially amending a plan for the use of block grant funds~~], an agency covered by this Act shall hold a public hearing in four locations in different areas of the state to solicit public comment on the intended use of funds.

SECTION 2. Section 9, Chapter 467, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 6252-13e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by amending Subsection (f) and by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(f) The agency shall conduct the hearing before the 31st day after the date the request was received to determine whether the funding should be reduced, *unless the agency and entity agree to postpone the hearing.*

(i) *This section does not apply if an entity's block grant funding becomes subject to the agency's competitive bidding rules which require the agency to invite bids for competitive evaluation.*

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 2, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2259 on May 26, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 0.

Approved: June 15, 1985

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