

CHAPTER 62

H.B. No. 330

An Act relating to the continuation, administration, and regulation of the temporary emergency relief program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 34.003(b), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The temporary emergency relief fund may not exceed \$1 million [~~\$5 million~~].

SECTION 2. Section 34.003, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) *The department shall deposit five percent of the funds appropriated to the department under this chapter to the credit of a special fund in the state treasury known as the emergency contingency fund. The department may not expend the funds in the emergency contingency fund without the written approval of the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives. The department shall expend the funds as directed by a joint order of the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives.*

SECTION 3. Section 34.004, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) *A decision by a county to administer a program under this chapter remains in effect until the county notifies the department that the county no longer wants to participate in the program. If a county decides to discontinue its participation, the department may choose an applicant as an alternative participant as prescribed by Subsection (b) of this section and by department rules.*

SECTION 4. Section 34.007(c), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A county, political subdivision, or nonprofit organization may not set the eligibility level at less than 75 percent of the federal poverty level based on the federal Office of Management and Budget poverty index in effect at the time the plan is submitted to the department [~~as of September 1, 1993~~].

SECTION 5. Section 34.008(a), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) *As part of the annual report required by Section 21.011 of this code, the commissioner shall include a written [The department shall prepare a] report [for the governor and Legislative Budget Board] describing and analyzing the operation of programs under this chapter.*

SECTION 6. Section 34.011, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 34.011. *SUNSET REVIEW. (a) When the Sunset Advisory Commission reviews the department, the commission shall also review the program established under this chapter and shall specifically recommend if the program should continue.*

(b) *This section expires September 1, 1987* [EXPIRATION: ~~This chapter expires August 31, 1985~~].

SECTION 7. 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 March 13, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 68, Nays 65, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on April 16, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved: April 30, 1985

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