

CHAPTER 1030

H.B. No. 2255

AN ACT

relating to the provision of transportation services to certain AFDC recipients by mass transit authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 141, Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973 (Article 1118x, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 15C to read as follows:

*Sec. 15C. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CERTAIN JOBS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.* (a) *An authority shall, in accordance with federal law, provide transportation services to a person who:*

- (1) *is receiving financial assistance under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code;*
- (2) *is registered in the jobs opportunities and basic skills (JOBS) training program under Part F, Subchapter IV, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 682); and*
- (3) *resides in an area served by the authority.*

(b) *An authority shall enter into a contract with the Texas Department of Human Services to provide the transportation services required under this section. The terms of the contract must ensure that:*

- (1) *the authority is required to provide transportation services only to a location that relates to the person's participation in the JOBS program and that is in the area served by the authority's authorized rate structure and existing services;*
- (2) *the authority is required to provide directly to the Texas Department of Human Services trip vouchers for distribution by the department to a person who is eligible to receive transportation services under this section;*
- (3) *the Texas Department of Human Services reimburses the authority at the applicable federal match rate for allowable costs; and*

(4) the Texas Department of Human Services may return to the authority for reimbursement any undistributed trip vouchers.

(c) An authority shall certify the amount of public funds expended by the authority under this section for the purpose of obtaining federal funds under the JOBS program.

SECTION 2. Chapter 683, Acts of the 66th Legislature, 1979 (Article 1118y, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 21A to read as follows:

Sec. 21A. **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CERTAIN JOBS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.** (a) An authority shall, in accordance with federal law, provide transportation services to a person who:

- (1) is receiving financial assistance under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code;
- (2) is registered in the jobs opportunities and basic skills (JOBS) training program under Part F, Subchapter IV, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 682); and
- (3) resides in an area served by the authority.

(b) An authority shall enter into a contract with the Texas Department of Human Services to provide the transportation services required under this section. The terms of the contract must ensure that:

- (1) the authority is required to provide transportation services only to a location that relates to the person's participation in the JOBS program and that is in the area served by the authority's authorized rate structure and existing services;
- (2) the authority is required to provide directly to the Texas Department of Human Services trip vouchers for distribution by the department to a person who is eligible to receive transportation services under this section;
- (3) the Texas Department of Human Services reimburses the authority at the applicable federal match rate for allowable costs; and
- (4) the Texas Department of Human Services may return to the authority for reimbursement any undistributed trip vouchers.

(c) An authority shall certify the amount of public funds expended by the authority under this section for the purpose of obtaining federal funds under the JOBS program.

SECTION 3. Article 1118z, Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Section 6A to read as follows:

Sec. 6A. **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CERTAIN JOBS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.** (a) A department shall, in accordance with federal law, provide transportation services to a person who:

- (1) is receiving financial assistance under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code;
- (2) is registered in the jobs opportunities and basic skills (JOBS) training program under Part F, Subchapter IV, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 682); and
- (3) resides in an area served by the department.

(b) A department shall enter into a contract with the Texas Department of Human Services to provide the transportation services required under this section. The terms of the contract must ensure that:

- (1) the department is required to provide transportation services only to a location that relates to the person's participation in the JOBS program and that is in the area served by the department's authorized rate structure and existing services;
- (2) the department is required to provide directly to the Texas Department of Human Services trip vouchers for distribution by the Texas Department of Human Services to a person who is eligible to receive transportation services under this section;
- (3) the Texas Department of Human Services reimburses the department at the applicable federal match rate for allowable costs; and
- (4) the Texas Department of Human Services may return to the department for reimbursement any undistributed trip vouchers.

(c) A department shall certify the amount of public funds expended by the department under this section for the purpose of obtaining federal funds under the JOBS program.

SECTION 4. If, before implementing the requirements of Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Act, the Texas Department of Human Services determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation, the Texas Department of Human Services shall request the waiver or authorization, and the department and each mass transit authority or department may delay implementing those provisions until the waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 6. 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.

Passed by the House on May 14, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 29, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 16, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.