

CHAPTER 721

S.B. No. 1101

AN ACT

relating to application and eligibility for Aid to Families with Dependent Children program benefits and services.

*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 31.0315 to read as follows:

*Sec. 31.0315. DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE. (a) A parent applying for assistance on behalf of a child shall identify the parent's spouse or, if unmarried, shall provide the name and last known address of the mother or alleged father of the child, as applicable.*

*(b) If the applying parent is under 18 years of age and resides with relatives, the applicant's relatives shall cooperate in identifying the other parent.*

*(c) A person who is not a parent and who is applying for assistance on behalf of a child shall provide the name and last known address of the mother and alleged father of the child.*

*(d) The department may waive the requirements of this section if it determines that there exists a reasonable explanation why it is impossible to provide the information required under Subsection (a), (b), or (c) or if it would not be in the best interests of the child to provide the information. In determining whether the best interests of the child warrant waiving the information requirements of this section, the department shall consider all relevant provisions of federal law and regulations.*

*(e) The department shall forward to the attorney general's office information received under this section.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

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.

Passed the Senate on April 15, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 26, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 16, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.