

CHAPTER 395

S.B. No. 284

AN ACT

relating to the definition of a dependent child for the purpose of eligibility for AFDC.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 31.002, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In this chapter, the term "dependent child" applies to a child:

(1) who is a resident of this state;

(2) who is under 18 years of age or is under 19 [21] years of age and is a *full-time student in a secondary school or at the equivalent level of vocational or technical training if, before the child's 19th birthday, the child may reasonably be expected to complete the secondary school or training program* [~~regularly attending a school, college, university, or vocational or technical training program in accordance with standards set by the department~~];

(3) who has been deprived of parental support or care because of the death, continued absence from home, or physical or mental incapacity of a parent;

(4) who has insufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with health and decency; and

(5) who is living in the home residence of his or her father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, or niece.

SECTION 2. 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 the Senate on March 1, 1993: Yeas 28, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 1993: Yeas 123, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 2, 1993.

Effective June 2, 1993.