

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a substantial number of legal immigrants utilize federal welfare. However, in recent years, federal welfare reform has eliminated over \$500 million in social security income and food stamp benefits to legal immigrants in Texas. S.B. 1067 would assist legal immigrants in becoming United States citizens and adjusting to a loss of federal welfare by creating grant programs.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1067 outlines provisions regarding assistance for certain legal immigrants.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Department of Human Services under SECTION 1, (Section 22.032, Human Resources Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 22, Human Resources Code, by adding Section 22.032, as follows:

Sec. 22.032. ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN LEGAL IMMIGRANTS. Requires the Texas Department of Human Services, by rule, to develop a grant program to assist legal immigrants who are ineligible for public assistance benefits solely because of their immigration status. Sets forth instances in which, subject to the availability of funds, the program is required to provide grants.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.