

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, persons who receive cash assistance and elect to participate in the state's mandatory work or jobs opportunities and basic skills (JOBS) training program, despite their exemption, are granted an additional six months of transitional benefits. Problems have arisen, however, in cases where there is a waiting list or volunteers fail to participate. This bill ensures that only those volunteers who actually participate in the JOBS program are eligible for additional transitional benefits.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 57 changes the participation requirement for certain recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children in the jobs opportunities and basic skills (JOBS) training program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 31.012(c), Human Resources Code, to require the Texas Department of Human Services, notwithstanding Sections 31.0035(b) and 32.0255(b), to provide six months of transitional benefits in addition to the applicable limit prescribed by Section 31.0065 to a person who is exempt under this subsection and who voluntarily participates, rather than who volunteers to participate, in a program under Subsection (a)(2).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.