

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act, or welfare reform, denies food stamps and other benefits to many noncitizens of the United States. Included in the number of persons who will be denied benefits are individuals who are elderly and disabled, some of whom have paid taxes for a great number of years. The total number of immigrants expected to lose food stamps in Texas has been calculated to be 140,937. The total number of immigrants expected to lose Supplemental Security Income benefits has been calculated to be 38,450. The resolutions in S.C.R. 22 seek to address the cuts in benefits for those individuals and ask the support of the Senate in passing resolutions requesting the federal government to allow needy legal aliens access to food stamps, Medicaid benefits, and Supplemental Security Income.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.C.R. 24 submits the following resolutions:

To request the Congress of the United States to amend federal law to allow legal aliens access to Supplemental Security Income where appropriate.

To forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.