

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the new Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act denies food stamps and other benefits to adults ages 18 to 50 who are not working or are not participating in an approved work program 20 hours per week. Labor surplus areas of the state are those areas in which the unemployment rates have exceeded the federal unemployment rate by at least 20 percent in the last two years. Under federal law, a waiver of termination of benefits is available for individuals ages 18 to 50 who live in such areas. This resolution would ask the support of the Congress of the United States by requesting Congress to waive the work requirement for food stamp recipients living in labor surplus areas in the state.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.C.R. 20 submits the following resolutions:

To request the United States Congress to waive the work requirement for food stamp recipients living in labor surplus areas.

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