

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the number of non-school sponsors of the summer food service program is decreasing. Between 1995-1998, the number of non-school sponsors had declined by 23 percent. The participation of non-school sponsors becomes more important in July and August, but because there are so few sponsors, the number of meals served during these months declines dramatically. Last summer, only 13 percent of eligible children ate summer food service program meals. Approximately 30 percent of all Texas children are hungry, or are at risk of suffering from hunger. S.B. 800 creates provisions for enhancing and increasing participation in the summer food service program.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 800 creates provisions for enhancing the summer meal preparation 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 33.024, Human Resources Code, by adding Subsections (k)-(m), as follows:

(k) Requires the state agency designated to cooperate with the federal government in administering the distribution of federal surplus commodities and other resources (distributor) to develop and implement an outreach program to increase participation in the summer program. Sets forth required outreach program guidelines.

(l) Requires the outreach program to target certain populations with the highest percentage of eligible children. Sets forth the required outreach program format.

(m) Requires the distributor to administer a grant program which awards a financial supplement for each meal served from funds dedicated to that purpose in order to encourage summer program meal preparation sites.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.