

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law allows for the use of an electronic fingerprint-imaging or photo-imaging program of adult and teen parent applicants for and recipients of financial assistance and services from the Texas Department of Human Services. A report by the LBJ School of Public Affairs entitled "Lone Star Image System Evaluation: Final Report," concludes that the Lone Star Image System pilot program cost the state of Texas \$1.7 million for the first seven months of operation and yielded no significant savings in benefit payments. The report also found that one effect of the pilot program was to induce temporary exits among food stamp recipients by creating undue difficulties in the application process. As proposed, H.B. 102 repeals Section 31.0325, Human Resources Code, which provided for the creation of the electronic imaging program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Repealer: Section 31.0325 (Electronic Imaging Program), Human Resources Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.