

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 48  
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Health and Human Services  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 48 will require the Texas Department of Human Services to impose a greater penalty, a deduction of not less than 25 percent of the amount of assistance, for noncompliance with the child support program if the family consists of at least six persons if the family is a two-parent family or at least seven persons if the family is a single-parent family. The purpose of this legislation is to comply with federal requirements regarding child-support noncompliance.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to Texas Department of Human Services in SECTION 1 (Section 31.0032, Human Resources Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 31.0032, Human Resources Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d), to require that the Texas Department of Human Services' rules for the imposition of sanctions or penalties on a person for whom a noncompliance determination has been made under Section 231.115 (Noncooperation by Recipient of Public Assistance), Family Code, to provide for the deduction of not less than 25 percent of the amount of assistance that would otherwise be provided to the person's family under certain conditions. Deletes reference to Chapter 911 (relating to the implementation of the child support enforcement provisions), Acts of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.