

Chapter 800. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Subchapter A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

40 TAC §800.2

The Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) proposes an amendment to Chapter 800. General Administration, §800.2 regarding the definition of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate a reference to the TANF State Program as referenced in Texas Human Resources Code Chapter 34.

Randy Townsend, Chief Financial Officer, has determined that for each year of the first five years the rule will be in effect, the following statements will apply:

there are no additional estimated costs to the state and to local governments expected as a result of enforcing or administering the rule;

there are no estimated reductions in costs to the state and to local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the rule;

there are no estimated losses or increases in revenue to the state or to local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the rule;

there are no foreseeable implications relating to costs or revenue of the state or local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the rule; and

there are no anticipated economic costs to persons required to comply with the rules.

Mr. Townsend has also determined that there is no anticipated adverse impact on small businesses as a result of enforcing or administering the rule because small businesses are not regulated by the rule.

James Barnes, Director of Labor Market Information, has determined that there is no foreseeable negative impact upon employment conditions in this state as a result of the proposed amendment.

Luis Macias, Acting Director of Workforce Development, has determined that the public benefit anticipated as a result of the rules as proposed will be to clarify the definition of TANF.

Comments on the proposed rules may be submitted to John Moore, Assistant General Counsel, Texas Workforce Commission, 101 East 15th Street, Room 608, Austin, Texas 78778, (512) 463-3041. Comments may also be submitted via fax to (512) 463-1426, or e-mailed to John.Moore@twc.state.tx.us. Comments must be received by the Commission no later than thirty days from the date this proposal is published in the Texas Register.

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The amendment is proposed under Texas Labor Code §301.061 and §302.002, which provide the Texas Workforce Commission with the authority to adopt, amend, or repeal such rules as it deems necessary for the effective administration of Agency services and activities; and Texas Human Resources Code Chapters 31 and 34.

The rule affects Texas Labor Code, Title 4, Texas Human Resources Code Chapters 31 and 34 and Texas Government Code Chapter 2308.

§800.2. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this Part 20, relating to the Texas Workforce Commission, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) - (13) (No change.)

(14) TANF - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, which may include temporary cash assistance and other temporary assistance for eligible individuals, as defined in the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Reconciliation Act of 1996, as amended (7 U.S.C.A. §201.1 et seq.) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families statutes and regulations. (42 U.S.C.A. §601 et seq., 45 C.F.R. Parts 260-265) [~~Formerly named Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).~~] TANF may also include the TANF State Program (TANF SP), relating to two-parent families, which is codified in Texas Human Resources Code Chapter 34.

(15) - (19) (No change.)

This agency hereby certifies that the proposal has been reviewed by legal counsel and found to be within the agency's legal authority to adopt.

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