

HOUSE AMENDMENT 5 TO HB1295.

inserting on line 34 of page 9 a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) (1) As part of TEA, the department shall establish and enforce standards and procedures to:

(A) screen and identify individuals eligible to TEA benefits who have a history of domestic violence while maintaining the confidentiality of such individuals;

(B) refer such individuals to counseling and other supportive services; and

(C) waive, for good cause, TEA requirements for individuals otherwise eligible for TEA benefits, such as time limits, residency requirements, child support cooperation requirements, work requirements, and family cap provisions in cases where compliance with TEA requirements would make it more difficult for individuals otherwise eligible for TEA benefits to escape domestic violence or would unfairly penalize individuals who are or have been victimized by domestic violence or individuals who are at risk of further domestic violence.

(2) For purposes of TEA, an individual has a history of domestic violence if the individual has been subject to:

(A) physical acts that resulted in, or threatened to result in, physical injury to the individual;

(B) sexual abuse;

(C) sexual activity involving a dependent child;

(D) being forced as the caretaker relative of a dependent child to engage in nonconsensual sexual acts or activities;

(E) threats of, or attempt, at physical or sexual abuse;

(F) mental abuse; or

(G) neglect or deprivation of medical care."

AND

by deleting on line 34 of page 9 "(c)" and substituting "(d)";

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by deleting the quotation marks at the end of line 8 of page 11;

AND

by inserting the following new subdivision on line 9 of page of page 11:

"(8) an individuals with a history of domestic violence._".