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By: Middleton

S.B. No. 395

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a political subdivision to establish and operate a guaranteed income program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 140.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 140.014. PROHIBITION ON GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM.

(a) In this section, "guaranteed income program" means a program under which an individual is issued an unconditional cash payment on a regular basis to be used by the individual for any purpose. The term does not include a program under which an individual is required to seek employment, perform work, or attend career or job training as a condition of receiving a payment.

(b) Unless explicitly authorized by law, a political subdivision may not adopt or enforce an ordinance, order, regulation, or other measure that establishes or provides for the operation of a guaranteed income program.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 140.014, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, an ordinance, order, regulation, or other measure that establishes or provides for the operation of a guaranteed income program, as defined by that section, in effect before the effective date of this Act may be enforced until the earlier of January 1, 2026, or the expiration of the ordinance, order, regulation, or other measure.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.