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H.B. No. 834

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the appointment of a management team to manage and  
3 operate a community center for mental health or mental retardation  
4 services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 534.038(a) and (d), Health and Safety  
7 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The commissioner may appoint a manager or management  
9 team to manage and operate a community center if the commissioner  
10 finds that ~~[+~~

11 ~~[(1)]~~ the center or an officer or employee of the  
12 center:

13 (1) ~~[(A)]~~ intentionally, recklessly, or negligently  
14 failed to discharge the center's duties under a contract with the  
15 department;

16 (2) ~~[(B)]~~ misused state or federal money;

17 (3) ~~[(C)]~~ engaged in a fraudulent act, transaction,  
18 practice, or course of business;

19 (4) ~~[(D)]~~ endangers or may endanger the life, health,  
20 or safety of a person served by the center;

21 (5) ~~[(E)]~~ failed to keep fiscal records or maintain  
22 proper control over center assets as prescribed by Chapter 783,  
23 Government Code;

24 (6) ~~[(F)]~~ failed to respond to a deficiency in a

1 review or audit;

2 (7) [~~(G)~~] substantially failed to operate within the  
3 functions and purposes defined in the center's plan; or

4 (8) [~~(H)~~] otherwise substantially failed to comply  
5 with this subchapter or department rules [~~, and~~

6 [~~(2) contract sanctions and intervention with the~~  
7 ~~local board of trustees failed to bring the center into compliance~~  
8 ~~with the center's plan or contract]~~.

9 (d) The center may appeal the commissioner's decision to  
10 appoint a manager or management team as prescribed by board rule.  
11 The filing of a notice of appeal stays the appointment unless the  
12 commissioner based the appointment on a finding under Subsection  
13 (a)(2) or (4) [~~(a)(1)(D)~~].

14 SECTION 2. Sections 534.040(b) and (c), Health and Safety  
15 Code, are amended to read as follows:

16 (b) The authority of the manager or management team  
17 continues until [~~+~~

18 [~~(1)~~] the commissioner determines that the relevant  
19 factors listed under Section 534.038(a) [~~534.038(a)(1)~~] no longer  
20 apply [~~exist, or~~

21 [~~(2) the department cancels its contract with the~~  
22 ~~center]~~.

23 (c) Following a determination under Subsection (b)  
24 [~~(b)(1)~~], the commissioner shall terminate the authority of the  
25 manager or management team and restore authority to manage and  
26 operate the center to the center's authorized officers and  
27 employees.

1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.