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H.B. No. 1349

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to developing and coordinating certain agency services and  
3 activities involving mental health care for young children.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 533.040, Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) The department and the Interagency Council on Early  
8 Childhood Intervention shall:

9 (1) jointly develop:

10 (A) a continuum of care for children younger than  
11 seven years of age who have mental illness; and

12 (B) a plan to increase the expertise of the  
13 department's service providers in mental health issues involving  
14 children younger than seven years of age; and

15 (2) coordinate, if practicable, department and  
16 council activities and services involving children with mental  
17 illness and their families.

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