

1-1 By: Truitt (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 3124  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2003;  
1-3 May 1, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;  
1-4 May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 12,  
1-5 Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Rehabilitation  
1-9 Commission.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 111.052, Human Resources Code, is  
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 111.052. GENERAL FUNCTIONS. (a) The commission  
1-14 shall, to the extent of resources available and priorities  
1-15 established by the board, provide rehabilitation services directly  
1-16 or through public or private resources to individuals determined by  
1-17 the commission to be eligible for the services under a vocational  
1-18 rehabilitation program[~~, an extended rehabilitation services~~  
1-19 ~~program,~~] or other program established to provide rehabilitative  
1-20 services.

1-21 (b) In carrying out the purposes of this chapter, the  
1-22 commission may:

1-23 (1) cooperate with other departments, agencies,  
1-24 political subdivisions, and institutions, both public and private,  
1-25 in providing the services authorized by this chapter to eligible  
1-26 individuals, in studying the problems involved, and in planning,  
1-27 establishing, developing, and providing necessary or desirable  
1-28 programs, facilities, and services, including those jointly  
1-29 administered with state agencies;

1-30 (2) enter into reciprocal agreements with other  
1-31 states;

1-32 (3) establish or construct rehabilitation facilities  
1-33 and workshops, contract with or provide grants to agencies,  
1-34 organizations, or individuals as necessary to implement this  
1-35 chapter, make contracts or other arrangements with public and other  
1-36 nonprofit agencies, organizations, or institutions for the  
1-37 establishment of workshops and rehabilitation facilities, and  
1-38 operate facilities for carrying out the purposes of this chapter;

1-39 (4) conduct research and compile statistics relating  
1-40 to the provision of services to or the need for services by disabled  
1-41 individuals;

1-42 (5) provide for the establishment, supervision,  
1-43 management, and control of small business enterprises to be  
1-44 operated by individuals with significant disabilities where their  
1-45 operation will be improved through the management and supervision  
1-46 of the commission;

1-47 (6) contract with schools, hospitals, private  
1-48 industrial firms, and other agencies and with doctors, nurses,  
1-49 technicians, and other persons for training, physical restoration,  
1-50 transportation, and other rehabilitation services; and

1-51 (7) assess the statewide need for services necessary  
1-52 to prepare students with disabilities for a successful transition  
1-53 to employment, establish collaborative relationships with each  
1-54 school district with education service centers to the maximum  
1-55 extent possible within available resources, and develop strategies  
1-56 to assist vocational rehabilitation counselors in identifying and  
1-57 reaching students in need of transition planning [~~contract with a~~  
1-58 ~~public or private agency to provide and pay for rehabilitative~~  
1-59 ~~services under the extended rehabilitation services program,~~  
1-60 ~~including alternative sheltered employment or community integrated~~  
1-61 ~~employment for a person participating in the program].~~

1-62 SECTION 2. Sections 111.002(7), 111.0525(a), and 111.073,  
1-63 Human Resources Code, are repealed.

1-64 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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