

AN ACT

relating to certain programs provided by the Texas Commission for the Blind.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 91.027(a) and (b), Human Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) To the extent that funds are available under Sections 521.421(f) and 521.422(b), Transportation Code, the [The] commission shall operate [~~develop~~] a Blindness Education, Screening, and Treatment Program to provide:

(1) blindness prevention education and [~~to provide~~] screening and treatment to prevent blindness for residents who are not covered under an adequate health benefit plan; and

(2) transition services to blind disabled individuals eligible for vocational rehabilitation services under Section 91.052.

(b) [~~The commission shall implement the program only to the extent that funds are available under Section 521.421(f), Transportation Code.~~] The program shall include:

(1) public education about blindness and other eye conditions;

(2) screenings and eye examinations to identify conditions that may cause blindness; [~~and~~]

(3) treatment procedures necessary to prevent

1 blindness; and

2 (4) transition services.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3125 was passed by the House on April 25, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3125 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor