

1-1 By: Truitt (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 3125
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 certain programs provided by the Texas Commission for
1-9 the Blind.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Sections 91.027(a) and (b), Human Resources
1-12 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) To the extent that funds are available under Sections
1-14 521.421(f) and 521.422(b), Transportation Code, the [The]
1-15 commission shall operate [develop] a Blindness Education,
1-16 Screening, and Treatment Program to provide:

1-17 (1) blindness prevention education and [to provide]
1-18 screening and treatment to prevent blindness for residents who are
1-19 not covered under an adequate health benefit plan; and

1-20 (2) transition services to blind disabled individuals
1-21 eligible for vocational rehabilitation services under Section
1-22 91.052.

1-23 (b) ~~[The commission shall implement the program only to the~~
1-24 ~~extent that funds are available under Section 521.421(f),~~
1-25 ~~Transportation Code.]~~ The program shall include:

1-26 (1) public education about blindness and other eye
1-27 conditions;

1-28 (2) screenings and eye examinations to identify
1-29 conditions that may cause blindness; ~~and~~

1-30 (3) treatment procedures necessary to prevent
1-31 blindness; and

1-32 (4) transition services.

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-34 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-35 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-36 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-37 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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