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S.B. No. 153

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the name, composition, and continuation of the work
3 group created for implementation of the voucher payment program for
4 certain persons with disabilities.

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

6 SECTION 1. The heading of Section 531.052, Government Code,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.052. CONSUMER DIRECTED SERVICES [~~VOUCHER PAYMENT~~
9 ~~PROGRAM~~] WORK GROUP.

10 SECTION 2. Sections 531.052(b) and (g), Government Code,
11 are amended to read as follows:

12 (b) The work group is composed of:

13 (1) representatives of the commission, appointed by
14 the commissioner;

15 (2) representatives of the Texas Department of Human
16 Services, appointed by the commissioner of that agency;

17 (3) representatives of the Texas Department of Mental
18 Health and Mental Retardation, appointed by the commissioner of
19 that agency;

20 (4) representatives of the Texas Department of Health,
21 appointed by the commissioner of that agency;

22 (5) representatives of the Texas Rehabilitation
23 Commission, appointed by the commissioner of that agency;

24 (6) consumers of services provided under the voucher

1 payment pilot project under former Section 22.0325, Human Resources
2 Code, jointly appointed by the commissioner and the commissioner of
3 the Texas Department of Human Services;

4 (7) persons with disabilities, including persons with
5 mental illness and persons with mental retardation, who are
6 consumers or potential consumers of services provided under the
7 voucher payment program, appointed by the commissioner;

8 (8) advocates for persons with disabilities,
9 including persons with mental illness and persons with mental
10 retardation, appointed by the commissioner; ~~and~~

11 (9) providers of services to be provided under the
12 voucher payment program, appointed by the commissioner;

13 (10) representatives of the Texas Workforce
14 Commission, appointed by the executive director of that commission;
15 and

16 (11) representatives of any other state agency as
17 considered necessary by the commissioner, appointed by the
18 governing body of their respective agency.

19 (g) This section expires September 1, 2007 [~~2003~~].

20 SECTION 3. The commissioner of health and human services
21 and the executive director of the Texas Workforce Commission shall
22 ensure that, not later than January 1, 2004, the composition of the
23 membership of the work group created to assist the Health and Human
24 Services Commission in implementing the voucher payment program
25 under Section 531.051, Government Code, complies with the
26 requirements of Section 531.052, Government Code, as amended by
27 this Act.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.