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S.B. No. 489

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a plan for equitable distribution and funding of mental
3 health services in this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 533, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 533.049 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 533.049. PLAN FOR EQUITY IN SERVICE DISTRIBUTION AND
8 FUNDING. The department shall develop and implement a plan that
9 achieves equity in the distribution and funding of mental health
10 services among communities in this state not later than September
11 1, 2009. The plan must address local and statewide changes in
12 population and in the need for department services.

13 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect immediately if it
14 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
15 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
16 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
17 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

18 (b) This Act expires September 1, 2009.