

AN ACT

relating to developing and coordinating certain agency services and activities involving mental health care for young children.

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

SECTION 1. Section 533.040, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The department and the Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention shall:

(1) jointly develop:

(A) a continuum of care for children younger than seven years of age who have mental illness; and

(B) a plan to increase the expertise of the department's service providers in mental health issues involving children younger than seven years of age; and

(2) coordinate, if practicable, department and council activities and services involving children with mental illness and their families.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 490 passed the Senate on April 8, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 490 passed the House on May 2, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor