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S.B. No. 490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.