

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 490
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2003; February 19, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human
1-4 Services; April 2, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 1; April 2, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to developing and coordinating certain agency services and
1-9 activities involving mental health care for young children.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 533.040, Health and Safety Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-13 (d) The department and the Interagency Council on Early
1-14 Childhood Intervention shall:

1-15 (1) jointly develop:

1-16 (A) a continuum of care for children younger than
1-17 seven years of age who have mental illness; and

1-18 (B) a plan to increase the expertise of the
1-19 department's service providers in mental health issues involving
1-20 children younger than seven years of age; and

1-21 (2) coordinate, if practicable, department and
1-22 council activities and services involving children with mental
1-23 illness and their families.

1-24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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