

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 492  
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 7, Nays 0; April 2, 2003, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to an evaluation of public funding for children's mental  
1-9 health services.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission  
1-12 shall review and evaluate all sources of public funding for  
1-13 programs in this state that provide mental health services to  
1-14 children, including programs provided by the juvenile justice  
1-15 system, the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the  
1-16 Texas Council on Offenders with Mental Impairments, and the Texas  
1-17 Education Agency.

1-18 (b) The evaluation must describe each program and the  
1-19 services it provides, the sources of funding for the program, and  
1-20 the purposes for which the funds are used. The evaluation also must  
1-21 include:

1-22 (1) recommendations regarding future funding for  
1-23 those programs, including sources and amounts, and opportunities  
1-24 for coordinating funding between different agencies; and

1-25 (2) a determination of whether more effective methods  
1-26 exist for funding children's mental health services in this state.

1-27 (c) The Health and Human Services Commission shall report on  
1-28 the results of the evaluation to the 79th Legislature not later than  
1-29 January 11, 2005.

1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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