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S.B. No. 1218

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AN ACT

relating to voluntary donations collected through the Blindness, Education, Screening and Treatment program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 91.027, Human Resource Code, is amended by amending subsection (a) and amending subsection (b) to read as follow:

(a) To the extent that funds are available under Transportation Code, Section 521.421(f) and Section 521.422(b), the ~~[The]~~ commission shall ~~[develop a Blindness Education, Screening, and Treatment Program to]~~ provide:

(1) blindness prevention education and ~~[to provide]~~ screening and treatment to prevent blindness for residents who are not covered under an adequate health benefit plan, and~~[-]~~

(2) transition services for young blind Texans eligible for vocational rehabilitation services under Section 91.052, Human Resources Code,

(b) ~~[The commission shall implement the program only to the extent that funds are available under Section 521.421(f), Transportation Code.]~~ The program shall include:

(1) public education about blindness and other eye conditions;

(2) screenings and eye examinations to identify conditions that may cause blindness; ~~[and]~~

1 (3) treatment procedures necessary to prevent
2 blindness~~[-]~~ and

3 (4) transition services.

4 (c) The commission by rule shall prescribe eligibility
5 requirements for the program.

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