

By: Pitts

H.B. No. 135

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an appropriation to the Department of Aging and
3 Disability Services for funding an increased personal needs
4 allowance for certain residents of nursing or intermediate care
5 facilities.

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

7 SECTION 1. In addition to amounts previously appropriated
8 for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2007, the following
9 amounts are appropriated to the Department of Aging and Disability
10 Services for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2007, for the
11 purpose of funding the personal needs allowance of eligible
12 residents of nursing facilities or intermediate care facilities for
13 the mentally retarded (ICF/MR) at an amount increased to \$60 per
14 month from \$45 per month for each resident:

15 (1) the amount of \$10,700,000 out of the general
16 revenue fund; and

17 (2) the amount of \$10,700,000 from federal matching
18 funds.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
24 legislative session.