

By: Pitts

H.B. No. 136

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an appropriation to the Department of Aging and  
3 Disability Services for supporting an increased nursing facility  
4 reimbursement rate.

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

6 SECTION 1. In addition to amounts previously appropriated  
7 for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2007, the following  
8 amounts are appropriated to the Department of Aging and Disability  
9 Services for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2007, for the  
10 purpose of supporting a nursing facility reimbursement rate that is  
11 11.75 percent greater than the reimbursement rate for the state  
12 fiscal year ending August 31, 2005:

13 (1) the amount of \$211,200,000 out of the general  
14 revenue fund; and

15 (2) the amount of \$316,800,000 in federal matching  
16 funds.

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