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H.B. No. 1862

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a plan for equitable distribution and funding of mental
3 health services in this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 531.02411 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 531.02411. PLAN FOR EQUITY IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE
8 DISTRIBUTION AND FUNDING. The executive commissioner shall develop
9 and implement a plan that achieves equity in the distribution and
10 funding of mental health services among communities in this state
11 not later than September 1, 2011. The plan must address local and
12 statewide changes in population and in the need for department
13 services.

14 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2011.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.