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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a statewide autism spectrum disorders resource program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 114, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 114.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 114.013. AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS RESOURCE PROGRAM.

(a) The council shall establish and administer an autism spectrum disorders resource program to coordinate resources for individuals with autism and other pervasive developmental disorders and their families.

(b) In administering the autism spectrum disorders resource program, the council shall:

(1) collect and distribute information and research regarding autism and other pervasive developmental disorders;

(2) conduct training and development activities for persons who may interact with an individual with autism or another pervasive developmental disorder in the course of their employment, including school, medical, or law enforcement personnel;

(3) coordinate with local entities that provide services to an individual with autism or another pervasive developmental disorder; and

(4) provide support for families affected by autism and other pervasive developmental disorders.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.