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H.B. No. 3526

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain discretionary grants made to community
3 supervisions and corrections departments from the community
4 justice assistance division of the Texas Department of Criminal
5 Justice.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 509.011(b), Government Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (b) The division may use discretionary grant funds to
10 further the purposes of this chapter by contracting for services
11 with state agencies or nonprofit organizations. The division may
12 also make discretionary grants to departments, municipalities, or
13 counties for the following purposes:

14 (1) development and operation of pretrial and
15 presentencing services;

16 (2) electronic monitoring services, surveillance
17 supervision programs, and controlled substances testing services;

18 (3) research projects to evaluate the effectiveness of
19 community corrections programs, if the research is conducted in
20 cooperation with the Criminal Justice Policy Council;

21 (4) contract services for felony defendants;

22 (5) residential services for misdemeanor defendants
23 who exhibit levels of risk or needs indicating a need for
24 confinement and treatment [~~as described by Section 509.005(b)~~];

1 (6) establishment or operation of county correctional
2 centers under Subchapter H, Chapter 351, Local Government Code, or
3 community corrections facilities for which the division has
4 established standards under Section 509.006;

5 (7) development and operation of treatment
6 alternative to incarceration programs under Section 76.017; ~~and~~

7 (7-a) expansion of an existing program that is
8 operated by a department, not otherwise described by this section,
9 and designed to reduce recidivism among individuals that
10 participate in the program; and

11 (8) other purposes determined appropriate by the
12 division and approved by the board.

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