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S.B. No. 1585

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the creation of a statewide autism spectrum disorders
3 resource program.

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

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

7 Sec. 114.013. AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS RESOURCE PROGRAM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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