

Amend **HB 451** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_ . (a) Subchapter D, Chapter 117, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 117.075 to read as follows:

Sec. 117.075. AUTISM PROGRAM. (a) To the extent appropriated money is available for the purpose, the department shall provide services to children not younger than three or older than eight years of age who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, to enhance communication, social, and independent living skills so that the children may fully participate in society.

(b) The services must include applied behavioral analysis and must complement and not duplicate services outlined in a child's individualized education plan developed by an independent school district.

(b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall develop the autism program required under Section 117.075, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2010.