

AN ACT

relating to the scope of services of and the persons who may be provided services by a community center.

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

SECTION 1. Section 531.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (13-a) to read as follows:

(13-a) "Person with a developmental disability" means an individual with a severe, chronic disability attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments that:

(A) manifests before the person reaches 22 years of age;

(B) is likely to continue indefinitely;

(C) reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of a lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated; and

(D) results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following categories of major life activity:

(i) self-care;

(ii) receptive and expressive language;

(iii) learning;

- 1                   (iv) mobility;
- 2                   (v) self-direction;
- 3                   (vi) capacity for independent living; and
- 4                   (vii) economic self-sufficiency.

5           SECTION 2. Section 534.001(e), Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7           (e) Except as provided by this section, a [A] community  
8 center operating under this subchapter may operate only for the  
9 purposes and perform only the functions defined in the center's  
10 plan. The executive commissioner [board] by rule shall specify the  
11 elements that must be included in a plan and shall prescribe the  
12 procedure for submitting, approving, and modifying a center's plan.  
13 In addition to the services described in a center's plan, the center  
14 may provide other health and human services and supports as  
15 provided by a contract with or a grant received from a local, state,  
16 or federal agency.

17           SECTION 3. Section 534.0015(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19           (b) It is the policy of this state that community centers  
20 strive to develop services for persons who are mentally ill or  
21 mentally retarded, and may provide requested services to persons  
22 with developmental disabilities or with [a] chemical dependencies  
23 [dependency], that are effective alternatives to treatment in a  
24 large residential facility.

25           SECTION 4. Section 534.0155(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
26 amended to read as follows:

27           (a) This subtitle does not prevent a community center from

1 providing services to a person with a chemical dependency, ~~[or]~~ to a  
2 person with a developmental disability, or to a person with a mental  
3 disability, as ~~[that term is]~~ defined by Section 535.001.

4 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2303 was passed by the House on April 29, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2303 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor