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S.B. No. 1612

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the provision of information by health and human
3 services agencies to assist children with velocardiofacial
4 syndrome.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 117, Human Resources Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 117.076 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 117.076. INFORMATION REGARDING VELOCARDIOFACIAL
9 SYNDROME. (a) The commission shall ensure that each health and
10 human services agency that provides intervention services to young
11 children is provided with information developed by the commission
12 regarding velocardiofacial syndrome.

13 (b) Each health and human services agency described by
14 Subsection (a) shall provide the information regarding
15 velocardiofacial syndrome to appropriate health care coordinators
16 and therapists and to parents of a child who is known by the agency
17 to have at least two of the following conditions:

18 (1) hypotonicity;

19 (2) communication delay;

20 (3) articulation disorder;

21 (4) resonance disorder;

22 (5) nasal regurgitation during feeding as an infant
23 with no history of a cleft palate;

24 (6) recurrent ear infections as well as diagnosis of

1 cardiac anomaly, feeding disorder, cleft palate, or submucosal
2 cleft palate; or

3 (7) fine motor or gross motor skills delay.

4 (c) The commission shall develop the information required
5 under Subsection (a) using medically accurate, peer-reviewed
6 literature. The information must include:

7 (1) an explanation of velocardiofacial syndrome
8 symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment options; and

9 (2) information on relevant state agency and nonprofit
10 resources, parent support groups, and available Medicaid waiver
11 programs.

12 (d) The executive commissioner may adopt rules as necessary
13 to implement this section.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.