

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) hypotonicity;
- (2) communication delay;
- (3) articulation disorder;
- (4) resonance disorder;
- (5) nasal regurgitation during feeding as an infant with no history of a cleft palate;
- (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;

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

12 (3) a recommendation for follow-up with a health care
13 provider for evaluation of the underlying etiology and an
14 explanation that the existence of any of the conditions listed in
15 Subsection (b) will not necessarily result in a diagnosis of
16 velocardiofacial syndrome.

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1612 passed the Senate on April 24, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1612 passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor