

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1612
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1612 By: Deuell

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the provision of information by health and human
1-11 services agencies to assist children with velocardiocardial
1-12 syndrome.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 117, Human Resources Code,
1-15 is amended by adding Section 117.076 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 117.076. INFORMATION REGARDING VELOCARDIOFACIAL
1-17 SYNDROME. (a) The commission shall ensure that each health and
1-18 human services agency that provides intervention services to young
1-19 children is provided with information developed by the commission
1-20 regarding velocardiocardial syndrome.

1-21 (b) Each health and human services agency described by
1-22 Subsection (a) shall provide the information regarding
1-23 velocardiocardial syndrome to appropriate health care coordinators
1-24 and therapists and to parents of a child who is known by the agency
1-25 to have at least two of the following conditions:

- 1-26 (1) hypotonicity;
1-27 (2) communication delay;
1-28 (3) articulation disorder;
1-29 (4) resonance disorder;
1-30 (5) nasal regurgitation during feeding as an infant
1-31 with no history of a cleft palate;
1-32 (6) recurrent ear infections as well as diagnosis of
1-33 cardiac anomaly, feeding disorder, cleft palate, or submucosal
1-34 cleft palate; or
1-35 (7) fine motor or gross motor skills delay.

1-36 (c) The commission shall develop the information required
1-37 under Subsection (a) using medically accurate, peer-reviewed
1-38 literature. The information must include:

- 1-39 (1) an explanation of velocardiocardial syndrome
1-40 symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment options; and
1-41 (2) information on relevant state agency and nonprofit
1-42 resources, parent support groups, and available Medicaid waiver
1-43 programs.

1-44 (d) The executive commissioner may adopt rules as necessary
1-45 to implement this section.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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