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H.B. No. 1098

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to family cost share provisions in the early childhood intervention program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 117, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Sections 117.077 and 117.078 to read as follows:

Sec. 117.077. DATA ANALYSIS IN FAMILY COST SHARE PROVISIONS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "cost-effective" means the family cost share revenue generated is greater than total administrative costs.

(b) The department shall collect data, including data on administrative costs and adjusted family income, sufficient to evaluate:

(1) the cost-effectiveness of the family cost share provisions of the early childhood intervention program; and

(2) changes necessary to improve the cost-effectiveness of the program.

(c) The department shall:

(1) as necessary, modify the Texas Kids Intervention Data System to accept adjusted family income data submitted by early childhood intervention program providers; and

(2) require all providers to enter adjusted family income data into the system.

1 (d) The department shall use the data collected under this
2 section to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of existing family cost
3 share provisions in the early childhood intervention program and
4 consider changes that may improve the cost-effectiveness of the
5 program, including the adoption of a family cost share provision
6 described by Section 117.078(a).

7 (e) The department shall implement any changes considered
8 under Subsection (d) that the department determines will make the
9 early childhood intervention program more cost-effective. If none
10 of the considered changes is determined to make the program more
11 cost-effective, the department may decline to implement the
12 changes.

13 (f) The department shall evaluate existing family cost
14 share provisions and consider and implement changes, if
15 appropriate, to the early childhood intervention program as
16 required by this section:

17 (1) on a periodic basis established by the department;
18 and

19 (2) at other times at the request of the Legislative
20 Budget Board.

21 (g) Not later than December 1, 2014, the department shall:

22 (1) conduct the initial evaluation required under
23 Subsection (d) and implement any changes as required by Subsection
24 (e) resulting from that evaluation; and

25 (2) submit a report to the governor and the
26 Legislative Budget Board summarizing the results of the initial
27 evaluation and explaining any changes that were implemented.

1 (h) This subsection and Subsection (g) expire September 1,
2 2015.

3 Sec. 117.078. FAMILY COST SHARE PROVISION IN EARLY
4 CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAM. (a) The department shall consider
5 implementing a family cost share provision under which the amount a
6 family pays to participate in the early childhood intervention
7 program is based on the amount of service the family receives under
8 the program.

9 (b) A family cost share provision implemented by the
10 department under Subsection (a) must establish a maximum amount to
11 be paid by a family participating in the early childhood
12 intervention program that is based on the family's size and
13 adjusted gross income, with families in higher income brackets
14 required to pay more under the provision than those families paid
15 before the provision's implementation.

16 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
17 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
18 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
19 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
20 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
21 waiver or authorization is granted.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.