

AN ACT

relating to the name, composition, and continuation of the work group created for implementation of the voucher payment program for certain persons with disabilities.

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

SECTION 1. The heading of Section 531.052, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 531.052. CONSUMER DIRECTED SERVICES [~~VOUCHER PAYMENT PROGRAM~~] WORK GROUP.

SECTION 2. Subsections (b) and (g), Section 531.052, Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The work group is composed of:

(1) representatives of the commission, appointed by the commissioner;

(2) representatives of the Texas Department of Human Services, appointed by the commissioner of that agency;

(3) representatives of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, appointed by the commissioner of that agency;

(4) representatives of the Texas Department of Health, appointed by the commissioner of that agency;

(5) representatives of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, appointed by the commissioner of that agency;

(6) consumers of services provided under the voucher

1 payment pilot project under former Section 22.0325, Human Resources  
2 Code, jointly appointed by the commissioner and the commissioner of  
3 the Texas Department of Human Services;

4 (7) persons with disabilities, including persons with  
5 mental illness and persons with mental retardation, who are  
6 consumers or potential consumers of services provided under the  
7 voucher payment program, appointed by the commissioner;

8 (8) advocates for persons with disabilities,  
9 including persons with mental illness and persons with mental  
10 retardation, appointed by the commissioner; ~~and~~

11 (9) providers of services to be provided under the  
12 voucher payment program, appointed by the commissioner;

13 (10) representatives of the Texas Workforce  
14 Commission, appointed by the executive director of that commission;  
15 and

16 (11) representatives of any other state agency as  
17 considered necessary by the commissioner, appointed by the  
18 governing body of their respective agency.

19 (g) This section expires September 1, 2007 [~~2003~~].

20 SECTION 3. The commissioner of health and human services  
21 and the executive director of the Texas Workforce Commission shall  
22 ensure that, not later than January 1, 2004, the composition of the  
23 membership of the work group created to assist the Health and Human  
24 Services Commission in implementing the voucher payment program  
25 under Section 531.051, Government Code, complies with the  
26 requirements of Section 531.052, Government Code, as amended by  
27 this Act.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Newkum

President of the Senate

Jim Coakley

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 153 passed the Senate on March 11, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Ratsy Spaul  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 153 passed the House on May 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Hanley  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

20 JUN '03

Date

Rick Peary  
Governor

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