

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, many of Texas' vocational rehabilitation services range from needs assessment through resume development, interviewing techniques and job search skills, and on-the-job assistance. The Texas Rehabilitation Commission's (TRC) client services are provided through agency-approved vendors on a fee-for-service basis. A 1993 study found that at least 11 states utilize performance-based contracts instead of fees for service to reimburse vocational rehabilitation providers. The goal of S.B. 487 is to utilize this reimbursement strategy within TRC's vocational rehabilitation program.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 487 outlines provisions regarding payment under contracts with the Texas Rehabilitation Commission for vocational rehabilitation services.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 111C, Human Resources Code, by adding Section 111.061, as follows:

Sec. 111.061. CONTRACT PAYMENT. Requires the Texas Rehabilitation Commission to base payment under a contract for vocational rehabilitation services on outcome-based performance standards defined in the contract.

SECTION 2. Effective date: January 1, 1998.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.