

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The application of new technology to medical services can take time. Pilot projects allow for the examination of how new technology can be utilized for the benefit of various medical and financial assistance programs. As proposed, S.B. 1536 authorizes the establishment of pilot projects to demonstrate the applications of technology in providing rehabilitation services, services for the aging or disabled, or long-term care services, including community care services and support.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 531B, Government Code, by adding Section 531.02171, as follows:

Sec. 531.02171. ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROJECTS. Authorizes the commissioner of health and human services (commissioner), notwithstanding any other law, to establish one or more pilot projects allowing for reimbursement under Chapter 32 (Medical Assistance Program), Human Resources Code, to demonstrate the application of technology in the provision of services. Authorizes a pilot project to relate to long-term care, community care and support, rehabilitation, care for the aged or disabled, or other forms of medical assistance.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.