

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. C.S.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 531.055, as follows:

Sec. 531.055. PILOT PROJECTS RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS. Authorizes the Health and Human Services Commission (commission), notwithstanding any other law, to establish one or more pilot projects through which reimbursement under the medical assistance program under Chapter 32 (Medical Assistance Program), Human Resources Code, is made to demonstrate the applications of technology in providing services under that program. Requires a pilot project established under this section to relate to providing rehabilitation services, services for the aging or disabled, or long-term care services, including community care services and support.

SECTION 2. Requires a state agency, if before implanting any provision of this Act, the affected agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, to request the waiver or authorization. Authorizes the agency to delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amends As Filed S.B. 1536, as follows:

SECTION 1. Removes proposed Section 531.02171, Government Code, and adds proposed Section 531.055, Government Code, relating to pilot projects to demonstrate the applications of certain technology.

SECTION 2. Adds text relating to required federal waivers or authorizations.

SECTION 3. Redesignates SECTION 2 as SECTION 3.