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S.B. No. 1071

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a pilot program to provide home-delivered meals to certain individuals.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 33.037 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.037. HOME-DELIVERED MEALS PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall develop and implement a pilot program to provide home-delivered meals to a targeted group of individuals, selected by the commission, with a medical condition that would improve with home-delivered meals.

(b) Using existing resources, the commission may spend not more than \$2 million to develop and implement the pilot program.

(c) The commission shall implement the pilot program in one urban and one rural region of the state, selected by the commission based on the availability of and need for home-delivered meal services. Within each region, the commission shall ensure medically tailored meals are provided to one subset of individuals and standard meals are provided to the other subset of individuals.

(d) To the extent practicable, the commission shall seek to contract with an entity that provides additional services along with home-delivered meal services.

(e) The commission shall operate the pilot program for one year.

1       (f) The commission shall track health outcomes of and the  
2 use of health care services by individuals participating in the  
3 pilot program and analyze the data to determine if the pilot program  
4 results in health care savings. The commission shall partner with  
5 an institution of higher education to conduct the analysis under  
6 this subsection.

7       (g) Not later than October 31, 2020, the commission shall  
8 prepare and submit to the legislature a report describing the  
9 results of the analysis under Subsection (f) and recommendations  
10 regarding the continuation or expansion of the program.

11       (h) This section expires December 31, 2020.

12       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.