

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 551

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to reports on the prevalence of eating disorders and  
3 eating disorder-related deaths in this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Department of State Health Services, in  
6 collaboration with the Health and Human Services Commission, shall  
7 prepare a report on the prevalence of eating disorders and eating  
8 disorder-related deaths in this state. The report must include:

9 (1) regional and statewide statistics regarding the  
10 prevalence of eating disorders and eating disorder-related deaths  
11 in this state;

12 (2) an overview of national trends in eating  
13 disorders; and

14 (3) an overview of state-funded behavioral health  
15 treatment options available to persons with eating disorders.

16 (b) The Department of State Health Services shall gather  
17 information for the report from:

18 (1) information collected by the department and the  
19 Health and Human Services Commission, including information from  
20 the department's vital statistics unit and the state Medicaid  
21 program; and

22 (2) hospitals, treatment centers, available surveys,  
23 and other relevant sources.

24 (c) Not later than December 1, 2022, the Department of State

1 Health Services and the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
2 prepare and submit to the legislature a copy of the report and any  
3 recommendations for legislative or other action to reduce the  
4 prevalence of eating disorders and eating disorder-related deaths  
5 in this state. The department may post the report on the  
6 department's Internet website.

7 (d) The Department of State Health Services may accept  
8 gifts, grants, and donations from any source to fund expenses  
9 incurred by the department in preparing the report.

10 (e) This section expires September 1, 2023.

11 SECTION 2. (a) The Department of State Health Services  
12 shall prepare a report on the prevalence of eating disorders among  
13 youth in this state. When administering the Youth Risk Behavior  
14 Survey created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to  
15 youth in this state, the department may include additional  
16 questions as necessary to assist the department in assessing the  
17 prevalence of eating disorders among the youth for purposes of the  
18 report.

19 (b) Not later than December 1, 2024, the Department of State  
20 Health Services shall submit to the legislature a copy of the report  
21 and a summary of the survey findings relating to the prevalence of  
22 eating disorders among youth in this state. The department may post  
23 the report and summary on the department's Internet website.

24 (c) The Department of State Health Services may accept  
25 gifts, grants, and donations from any source to fund expenses  
26 incurred by the department in preparing the report.

27 (d) This section expires September 1, 2025.

1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.