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H.B. No. 784

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a local agreement with the Department of State Health
3 Services to improve laboratory capabilities in border counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 12, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 12.073 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 12.073. LOCAL AGREEMENT. The department shall enter
8 into an agreement with an institution of higher education as
9 defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, located in Cameron or
10 Hidalgo County to increase the availability of laboratory services
11 in counties adjacent to this state's international border with
12 Mexico.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.