

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1397
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2021; March 18, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
 1-4 April 8, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 8, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to establishing a coordinated system for the dispatch,
 1-20 triage, transport, and transfer of patients in certain trauma
 1-21 service area regional advisory councils; providing rulemaking
 1-22 authority.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 773, Health and Safety
 1-25 Code, is amended by adding Section 773.1141 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 773.1141. INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES RELATED TO CERTAIN
 1-27 PATIENT TRANSFERS AND RELATED SERVICES. (a) This section applies
 1-28 only to a trauma service area regional advisory council that
 1-29 includes:

1-30 (1) at least one county located on the international
 1-31 border of this state; and

1-32 (2) at least one county adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico.

1-33 (b) For each trauma service area regional advisory council to
 1-34 which this section applies, the department, by January 1, 2022, by
 1-35 rule shall:

1-36 (1) require the council to create an advisory committee
 1-37 composed of equally represented designated trauma hospital members
 1-38 located within the geographic boundaries of the council to:

1-39 (A) develop guidelines for patient transfers; and

1-40 (B) periodically review patient transfers to
 1-41 ensure compliance with applicable guidelines;

1-42 (2) for the purpose of ensuring that patients located
 1-43 in the council's geographic boundaries receive health care at the
 1-44 closest and most appropriate health care facility, require the
 1-45 council to implement a centralized system to assist the council in
 1-46 the dispatch, triage, transport, and transfer of patients; and

1-47 (3) require each hospital and emergency services
 1-48 provider operating within the geographic boundaries of the council
 1-49 to collect and report to the council data on patients transferred
 1-50 outside the geographic boundaries of the council.

1-51 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as
 1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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