

AN ACT

relating to the birth defects monitoring program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 87.021, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) The board shall [~~may~~] establish in the department a program to:

(1) identify and investigate certain birth defects in children; and

(2) maintain a central registry of cases of birth defects.

(c) The board and the department shall design the program so that the program will:

(1) provide information to identify risk factors and causes of birth defects;

(2) provide information on other possible causes of birth defects;

(3) provide for the development of strategies to prevent birth defects;

(4) provide for interview studies about the causes of birth defects;

(5) together with other departmental programs, contribute birth defects data to a central registry;

1 (6) provide for the appointment of authorized agents
2 to collect birth defects information; and

3 (7) provide for the active [~~not passive~~] collection
4 of birth defects information.

5 (f) In addition to providing for the active collection of
6 birth defects information under Subsection (c)(7), the board and
7 the department may design the program to also provide for the
8 passive collection of that information.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1097 was passed by the House on May 2, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 126, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1097 on May 30, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1097 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor