Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1097:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to the birth defects monitoring program.

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

4   SECTION 1. Sections 87.021(a) and (c), Health and Safety

5 Code, are amended to read as follows:

6   (a) The board shall [may] establish in the department a

7 program to:

8   (1) identify and investigate certain birth defects in

9 children; and

10   (2) maintain a central registry of cases of birth

11 defects.

12   (c) The board and the department shall design the program so

13 that the program will:

14   (1) provide information to identify risk factors and

15 causes of birth defects;

16   (2) provide information on other possible causes of

17 birth defects;

18   (3) provide for the development of strategies to

19 prevent birth defects;

20   (4) provide for interview studies about the causes of

21 birth defects;

22   (5) together with other departmental programs,

23 contribute birth defects data to a central registry;

24   (6) provide for the appointment of authorized agents

1   to collect birth defects information; and

2   (7) provide for the active or[, not] passive[,]

3   collection of birth defects information.

4   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

5   a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

6   provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

7   Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

8   Act takes effect September 1, 2003.