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H.B. No. 1097

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended 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.

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