

1-1 By: Capelo (Senate Sponsor - Gallegos) H.B. No. 1097
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 22, 2003, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-6 Nays 0; May 22, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1097 By: Gallegos

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the birth defects monitoring program.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 87.021, Health and Safety Code, is
1-13 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection
1-14 (f) to read as follows:

1-15 (a) The board shall [~~may~~] establish in the department a
1-16 program to:

1-17 (1) identify and investigate certain birth defects in
1-18 children; and

1-19 (2) maintain a central registry of cases of birth
1-20 defects.

1-21 (c) The board and the department shall design the program so
1-22 that the program will:

1-23 (1) provide information to identify risk factors and
1-24 causes of birth defects;

1-25 (2) provide information on other possible causes of
1-26 birth defects;

1-27 (3) provide for the development of strategies to
1-28 prevent birth defects;

1-29 (4) provide for interview studies about the causes of
1-30 birth defects;

1-31 (5) together with other departmental programs,
1-32 contribute birth defects data to a central registry;

1-33 (6) provide for the appointment of authorized agents
1-34 to collect birth defects information; and

1-35 (7) provide for the active [~~not passive,~~] collection
1-36 of birth defects information.

1-37 (f) In addition to providing for the active collection of
1-38 birth defects information under Subsection (c)(7), the board and
1-39 the department may design the program to also provide for the
1-40 passive collection of that information.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-42 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-44 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-45 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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