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H.B. No. 2651

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2651:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2651

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the cancer registry.

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

SECTION 1. It is an important public policy goal of the state for the state's cancer registry to receive gold standard certification by the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries. Gold standard certification will enable the state and research institutions in the state to qualify for additional federal funds.

SECTION 2. Section 82.006, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 82.006. BOARD POWERS. (a) To implement this chapter, the board may:

- (1) adopt rules that the board considers necessary;
- (2) execute contracts that the board considers necessary;
- (3) receive the data from medical records of cases of cancer that are in the custody or under the control of clinical laboratories, health care facilities, and health care practitioners to record and analyze the data directly related to those diseases;
- (4) compile and publish statistical and other studies derived from the patient data obtained under this chapter to provide, in an accessible form, information that is useful to

1 physicians, other medical personnel, and the general public;

2 (5) comply with requirements as necessary to obtain  
3 federal funds in the maximum amounts and most advantageous  
4 proportions possible;

5 (6) receive and use gifts made for the purpose of this  
6 chapter; and

7 (7) limit cancer reporting activities under this  
8 chapter to specified geographic areas of the state to ensure  
9 optimal use of funds available for obtaining the data.

10 (b) The board shall ensure that the state's cancer registry  
11 receives gold standard certification from the North American  
12 Association of Central Cancer Registries.

13 SECTION 3. Section 82.007, Health and Safety Code, is  
14 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

15 (c) The department shall report to the legislature as soon  
16 as the cancer registry receives gold standard certification from  
17 the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.