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H.B. No. 2692

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a pilot program to promote and facilitate the operation  
3 of diabetes groups.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 103, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
6 by adding Section 103.0176 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 103.0176. PILOT PROGRAM FOR DIABETES GROUPS. (a) The  
8 council, in consultation with the department, shall develop a pilot  
9 program to promote and facilitate the operation of diabetes groups  
10 to enable persons with diabetes to exchange information and  
11 strategies to manage the disease and to obtain relevant information  
12 and education.

13 (b) The council may not provide direct financial support to  
14 fund a diabetes group, but may provide meeting space in a  
15 state-owned building, if available. The department shall cooperate  
16 with the council to provide meeting space under this subsection.

17 (c) The council shall operate the pilot program required by  
18 this section in not more than two counties in this state selected by  
19 the council from among the counties that are located on the border  
20 of this state and the United Mexican States and that have a high  
21 proportion of low-income households.

22 (d) Not later than December 1, 2004, the council shall  
23 submit a report summarizing the results of the pilot program to the  
24 governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of

1 representatives.

2 (e) This section expires September 2, 2005.

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