

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2692  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2003;  
1-3 May 9, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a pilot program to promote and facilitate the operation  
1-9 of diabetes groups.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Chapter 103, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
1-12 by adding Section 103.0176 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 103.0176. PILOT PROGRAM FOR DIABETES GROUPS. (a) The  
1-14 council, in consultation with the department, shall develop a pilot  
1-15 program to promote and facilitate the operation of diabetes groups  
1-16 to enable persons with diabetes to exchange information and  
1-17 strategies to manage the disease and to obtain relevant information  
1-18 and education.

1-19 (b) The council may not provide direct financial support to  
1-20 fund a diabetes group, but may provide meeting space in a  
1-21 state-owned building, if available. The department shall cooperate  
1-22 with the council to provide meeting space under this subsection.

1-23 (c) The council shall operate the pilot program required by  
1-24 this section in not more than two counties in this state selected by  
1-25 the council from among the counties that are located on the border  
1-26 of this state and the United Mexican States and that have a high  
1-27 proportion of low-income households.

1-28 (d) Not later than December 1, 2004, the council shall  
1-29 submit a report summarizing the results of the pilot program to the  
1-30 governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
1-31 representatives.

1-32 (e) This section expires September 2, 2005.

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-34 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-35 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-36 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-37 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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