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S.B. No. 1409

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the regional emergency medical dispatch resource center
3 pilot program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 771.105, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 771.105. FUNDING OF PILOT PROGRAM. (a) Money in the
8 9-1-1 services fee fund may be appropriated to the Texas Department
9 of Health to fund the pilot program.

10 (b) The department is also authorized to seek grant funding
11 for the pilot program.

12 (c) A political subdivision that participates in the pilot
13 program may pay an appropriate share of the cost of the pilot
14 program.

15 (d) The provisions in this subchapter that require the
16 department to establish, conduct, and evaluate the pilot program
17 are contingent on the department receiving funding in accordance
18 with this section. If a sufficient number of political
19 subdivisions in a region that could be served by a pilot program
20 offer to pay the Texas Department of Health an amount that in the
21 aggregate, together with any other funding received under this
22 section, is sufficient to fund the pilot program for the region, the
23 department:

24 (1) shall enter into contracts with the offering

1 political subdivisions under which each will pay an appropriate
2 share of the cost; and

3 (2) when the amount under the signed contracts,
4 together with any other funding received under this section, is
5 sufficient to fund the pilot program for the region, shall
6 implement the pilot program for the region.

7 SECTION 2. Section 771.106, Health and Safety Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 771.106. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. The department shall
10 report its findings to the presiding officer of each house of the
11 legislature no later than January 1, 2005 [~~December 1, 2002~~].

12 SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 771, Health and Safety
13 Code, is amended by adding Section 771.1071 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 771.1071. WORK GROUP. (a) The presiding officer of
15 the advisory council shall appoint a work group to assist the Texas
16 Department of Health in developing, implementing, and evaluating
17 the pilot program and preparing a report on the department's
18 findings.

19 (b) A member of the work group receives no additional
20 compensation for serving on the work group and may not be reimbursed
21 for travel or other expenses incurred while conducting the business
22 of the work group.

23 (c) The work group is not subject to Chapter 2110,
24 Government Code.

25 SECTION 4. Section 771.108, Health and Safety Code, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 Sec. 771.108. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires

1 September 1, 2005 [~~2003~~].

2 SECTION 5. The Texas Department of Health shall implement
3 the pilot program established by Subchapter E, Chapter 771, Health
4 and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, not later than July 1,
5 2004.

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