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S.B. No. 1409

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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.