

Amend SB 609 (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 96.003, Health and Safety Code (page 1, lines 44 and 45).

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, on page 1, line 46, strike "96.004" and substitute "96.003".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 96.057, Health and Safety Code (page 2, lines 40 and 41), and substitute the following:

Sec. 96.057. MEETING; REPORT. (a) The advisory panel shall meet at the call of the presiding officer of the panel or at the request of the commissioner.

(b) The advisory panel shall report periodically to the commissioner.

(4) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 96.102, Health and Safety Code (page 3, lines 6 through 13), and substitute the following:

Sec. 96.1015. INITIAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. Not later than November 1, 2006, the commissioner shall file the initial report with the presiding officer of each house of the legislature on the advisory panel's recommendations for collecting and publicly reporting infection rates and process measures. This section expires January 1, 2007.

Sec. 96.102. COLLECTION AND PUBLIC REPORTING OF HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS. Not later than April 1, 2007, the department shall begin collecting data on health care associated infection rates and process measures from health care facilities and prepare for the public an annual report of the data collected. The department must follow the recommendations submitted in the advisory panel's initial report to the legislature for the initial year of collection and reporting, but may subsequently adjust the methodologies for collecting and reporting the data as appropriate.