

1-1 By: Delisi (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 2475
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a cervical cancer initiative.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. CERVICAL CANCER INITIATIVE. (a) The Department
1-11 of State Health Services shall develop a strategic plan to
1-12 eliminate mortality from cervical cancer by the year 2015.

1-13 (b) The department shall collaborate with the Texas Cancer
1-14 Council and may convene workgroups as necessary that may include:

1-15 (1) physicians and nurses specializing in cervical
1-16 cancer screening, treatment, or research;

1-17 (2) cancer epidemiologists;

1-18 (3) representatives of medical schools or schools of
1-19 public health;

1-20 (4) high school or college health educators;

1-21 (5) representatives from geographic areas or other
1-22 population groups at higher risk of cervical cancer;

1-23 (6) representatives of community-based organizations
1-24 involved in providing education, awareness, or support relating to
1-25 cervical cancer; or

1-26 (7) other representatives the department determines
1-27 are necessary.

1-28 (c) In developing the plan, the Department of State Health
1-29 Services shall:

1-30 (1) identify barriers to effective screening and
1-31 treatment for cervical cancer, including specific barriers
1-32 affecting providers and patients;

1-33 (2) identify methods to increase the number of women
1-34 screened regularly for cervical cancer;

1-35 (3) review current technologies and best practices for
1-36 cervical cancer screening;

1-37 (4) review technology available to diagnose and
1-38 prevent infection by Human Papilloma Virus;

1-39 (5) develop methods to create partnerships with public
1-40 and private entities to increase awareness of cervical cancer and
1-41 the importance of regular screening;

1-42 (6) review current screening, treatment, and related
1-43 activities in this state and identify gaps in service;

1-44 (7) identify actions to be taken to reduce the
1-45 morbidity and mortality from cervical cancer by the year 2015 and a
1-46 time line for taking those actions; and

1-47 (8) make recommendations to the legislature on policy
1-48 changes and funding needed to achieve the strategic plan.

1-49 (d) Not later than December 31, 2006, the Department of
1-50 State Health Services shall deliver the strategic plan to the
1-51 governor and members of the legislature.

1-52 (e) This section expires January 1, 2007.

1-53 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
1-54 1, 2005.

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