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H.B. No. 2796

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the provision of health care in areas near the  
3 Texas-Mexico border.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 151, Education Code, is amended by  
6 adding Section 151.011 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 151.011. BORDER AREA HEALTH CARE DELIVERY STUDY. (a)  
8 In this section, "border area" includes each county any part of  
9 which is located within 250 miles of the border between this state  
10 and the United Mexican States.

11 (b) The institute shall study the health care delivery  
12 system in the border area. As part of the study the institute  
13 shall:

14 (1) identify the ways in which non-physician health  
15 care providers are being used to provide health care services in  
16 border areas;

17 (2) determine which border areas have been successful  
18 and unsuccessful in recruiting and retaining physicians and  
19 non-physician health care providers to practice in the border  
20 areas;

21 (3) identify the non-physician health care providers  
22 who could, within the scope of the health care providers' license,  
23 certification, or registration, supplement the provision of health  
24 care services in the border areas;

1           (4) examine whether non-physician health care  
2 providers, delivery of services by non-physician health care  
3 providers in nontraditional settings, or delivery of services by  
4 non-physician health care providers with additional treatment  
5 authority would provide a benefit in the delivery of health care  
6 services in border areas; and

7           (5) recommend pilot programs to test and implement the  
8 study recommendations.

9           (c) In performing the study under Subsection (b), the  
10 institute shall consult with a variety of the health care  
11 practitioners in the border area, including emergency medical  
12 service providers, physicians, hospitals, health clinics, family  
13 planning clinics, optometrists, podiatrists, advanced nurse  
14 practitioners, and chiropractors.

15           (d) Not later than January 1, 2007, the institute shall  
16 report the results of the study conducted under this section in  
17 writing to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of  
18 the house of representatives, and the members of the legislature.  
19 The report must include any proposed legislation the institute,  
20 through this study, determines will facilitate the improvement of  
21 the delivery of health care in border areas.

22           (e) This section expires September 1, 2007.

23           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.