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H.B. No. 3049

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the closure or change in operation of certain local  
3 offices providing health services, including prohibiting the  
4 closure or consolidation of services of a state school or hospital  
5 for a term of five years.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
8 amended by adding Sections 531.078 and 531.079 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 531.078. NOTIFICATION AND PLAN. (a) Before the  
10 commission may close, downsize, privatize, or consolidate  
11 operations of a local eligibility or service delivery office in a  
12 service region, the commission shall notify the governor of:

13 (1) the proposed action;

14 (2) the number of state employee positions that will  
15 be eliminated because of the proposed action; and

16 (3) the economic impact to the local community in the  
17 service region in which the proposed action is to occur.

18 (b) After the governor receives the notice required under  
19 Subsection (a), the governor shall prepare and fund an economic  
20 development plan for the local community in the service region in  
21 which the proposed action is to occur. The program may include  
22 providing:

23 (1) infrastructure development, community  
24 development, job training programs, financial assistance, and

1 business incentives;

2 (2) business development services, including  
3 technical assistance, workshops, business incubators, training,  
4 and useful publications; or

5 (3) small business services and useful publications.

6 Sec. 531.079. MORATORIUM. (a) The commission may not close  
7 or consolidate services at a state school or state hospital  
8 operated or managed by a health and human services agency.

9 (b) This section expires September 1, 2010.

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