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1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the creation and functions of an arthritis control and
1-11 prevention program.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Chapter 96 to read as follows:

1-15 CHAPTER 96. ARTHRITIS CONTROL AND PREVENTION

1-16 Sec. 96.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-17 (1) "Arthritis" means a rheumatic disease consisting
1-18 of the chronic inflammation of joints, muscles, or connective
1-19 tissue.

1-20 (2) "Program" means the arthritis control and
1-21 prevention program.

1-22 Sec. 96.002. ARTHRITIS CONTROL AND PREVENTION PROGRAM. To
1-23 the extent that money has been appropriated or is otherwise
1-24 available, the department shall develop and implement an arthritis
1-25 control and prevention program to:

1-26 (1) heighten awareness and enhance knowledge and
1-27 understanding of arthritis among consumers, health professionals,
1-28 teachers, and human services providers; and

1-29 (2) work to increase and improve community-based
1-30 services available to persons with arthritis and their families.

1-31 Sec. 96.003. NEEDS ASSESSMENT. As part of the program, the
1-32 department shall work with public and private organizations to
1-33 assess the current status of arthritis, considering information
1-34 such as:

1-35 (1) mortality and morbidity;

1-36 (2) public and professional awareness; and

1-37 (3) educational needs for and support services
1-38 available to people with arthritis.

1-39 Sec. 96.004. PUBLIC AWARENESS. (a) The department through
1-40 the program shall work with public and private organizations to
1-41 raise public awareness of:

1-42 (1) the causes and nature of arthritis;

1-43 (2) personal risk factors;

1-44 (3) the value of prevention and early detection;

1-45 (4) ways to minimize preventable pain; and

1-46 (5) options for diagnosing and treating arthritis.

1-47 (b) The department may use strategies, including strategies
1-48 consistent with the National Arthritis Action Plan and other state
1-49 arthritis planning efforts to heighten public awareness under
1-50 Subsection (a).

1-51 Sec. 96.005. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. In implementing the
1-52 program, the department may:

1-53 (1) identify, replicate, and use successful
1-54 evidence-based arthritis programs; and

1-55 (2) obtain relevant materials and services from
1-56 organizations with appropriate expertise and knowledge of
1-57 arthritis.

1-58 Sec. 96.006. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS. (a) The
1-59 department may enter into contracts or agreements as necessary to
1-60 carry out this chapter. The contracts or agreements may provide for
1-61 payment by the state for materials, equipment, and services.

1-62 (b) The department may seek, receive, and spend any money
1-63 received through appropriations, grants, donations, or

2-1 contributions from public or private sources to develop and
2-2 implement the program.
2-3 (c) The department shall provide and train staff to
2-4 implement the program.
2-5 Sec. 96.007. ARTHRITIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The
2-6 department shall establish and coordinate the Arthritis Advisory
2-7 Committee. The committee consists of members appointed by the
2-8 commissioner, including:
2-9 (1) persons with arthritis;
2-10 (2) public health educators or other persons
2-11 knowledgeable in health education;
2-12 (3) medical experts on arthritis;
2-13 (4) providers of arthritis health care; and
2-14 (5) representatives of national arthritis
2-15 organizations and their local chapters.
2-16 (b) The committee shall advise the department on developing
2-17 and implementing the program.
2-18 (c) A member of the committee receives no additional
2-19 compensation for serving on the committee and may not be reimbursed
2-20 for travel or other expenses incurred while conducting the business
2-21 of the committee.
2-22 (d) The committee is not subject to Chapter 2110, Government
2-23 Code.
2-24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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