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S.B. No. 985

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring hospitals to report the percentage of
3 emergency room patients who are uninsured to the Department of
4 State Health Services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 108.009, Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended by adding Subsection (p) to read as follows:

8 (p) Data collected under this section from a hospital must
9 include health care data elements relating to the percentage of
10 patients examined or treated in the hospital's emergency room who
11 are insured and the percentage who are uninsured.

12 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2005, the executive
13 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
14 adopt rules relating to data submission requirements as required by
15 Section 108.009, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.