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S.B. No. 1069

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to organizing certain data collected by the Department of State Health Services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 104, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 104.044 to read as follows:

Sec. 104.044. SORTING COLLECTED DATA. (a) The department shall compile the health data collected under this subchapter and organize the results, to the extent possible, according to the following geographic areas:

(1) the Texas-Mexico border region;

(2) each public health region;

(3) rural areas;

(4) urban areas;

(5) each county; and

(6) the state.

(b) Health data released under this subchapter must be released in accordance with the way it is compiled under this section.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 191, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 191.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 191.008. SORTING COLLECTED DATA. (a) The department shall compile the information relating to births, deaths, and fetal deaths collected under this chapter and organize the results, to

1 the extent possible, according to the following geographic areas:

2 (1) the Texas-Mexico border region;

3 (2) each public health region;

4 (3) rural areas;

5 (4) urban areas;

6 (5) each county; and

7 (6) the state.

8 (b) The department may release the information relating to  
9 births, deaths, and fetal deaths in accordance with the way it is  
10 compiled under this section.

11 SECTION 3. The Department of State Health Services shall  
12 consult with a group of affected persons and entities to define  
13 rural and urban areas for purposes of Sections 104.044 and 191.008,  
14 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, including:

15 (1) individuals with expertise in rural health  
16 services research, epidemiology, rural public health services  
17 delivery, demography, health planning, and large data sets; and

18 (2) representatives from universities, the Department  
19 of State Health Services, the Office of Rural Community Affairs,  
20 area health education centers, and local and county health  
21 departments.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.