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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. Chapter 108, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 108.0095 to read as follows:

Sec. 108.0095. SORTING COLLECTED DATA. (a) The department shall compile the health outcome data collected under this chapter and organize the results 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) The department shall release health outcome data in accordance with the way it is compiled under this section.

SECTION 2. The Department of State Health Services shall consult with a group of affected persons and entities to define rural and urban areas for purposes of Section 108.0095, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, including:

(1) individuals with expertise in rural health services research, epidemiology, rural public health services

1 delivery, demography, health planning, and large data sets; and

2 (2) representatives from universities, the Department
3 of State Health Services, the Office of Rural Community Affairs,
4 area health education centers, and local and county health
5 departments.

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