

1-1 By: Madla S.B. No. 1069  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2005; March 21, 2005, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;  
1-4 April 18, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 18, 2005,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1069 By: Nelson

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

1-10 relating to organizing certain data collected by the Department of  
1-11 State Health Services.

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

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 104, Health and Safety  
1-14 Code, is amended by adding Section 104.044 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 104.044. SORTING COLLECTED DATA. (a) The department  
1-16 shall compile the health data collected under this subchapter and  
1-17 organize the results, to the extent possible, according to the  
1-18 following geographic areas:

- 1-19 (1) the Texas-Mexico border region;
- 1-20 (2) each public health region;
- 1-21 (3) rural areas;
- 1-22 (4) urban areas;
- 1-23 (5) each county; and
- 1-24 (6) the state.

1-25 (b) Health data released under this subchapter must be  
1-26 released in accordance with the way it is compiled under this  
1-27 section.

1-28 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 191, Health and Safety  
1-29 Code, is amended by adding Section 191.008 to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 191.008. SORTING COLLECTED DATA. (a) The department  
1-31 shall compile the information relating to births, deaths, and fetal  
1-32 deaths collected under this chapter and organize the results, to  
1-33 the extent possible, according to the following geographic areas:

- 1-34 (1) the Texas-Mexico border region;
- 1-35 (2) each public health region;
- 1-36 (3) rural areas;
- 1-37 (4) urban areas;
- 1-38 (5) each county; and
- 1-39 (6) the state.

1-40 (b) The department may release the information relating to  
1-41 births, deaths, and fetal deaths in accordance with the way it is  
1-42 compiled under this section.

1-43 SECTION 3. The Department of State Health Services shall  
1-44 consult with a group of affected persons and entities to define  
1-45 rural and urban areas for purposes of Sections 104.044 and 191.008,  
1-46 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, including:

1-47 (1) individuals with expertise in rural health  
1-48 services research, epidemiology, rural public health services  
1-49 delivery, demography, health planning, and large data sets; and

1-50 (2) representatives from universities, the Department  
1-51 of State Health Services, the Office of Rural Community Affairs,  
1-52 area health education centers, and local and county health  
1-53 departments.

1-54 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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