

Amend SB 909 on third reading as follows:

(1) Strike proposed Sections 115.005 and 115.006, Health and Safety Code, as added by Floor Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ by Coleman (Floor amendment No. \_\_\_\_, page 2, line 11, through page 3, line 24), and substitute the following:

Sec. 115.005. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The center shall act as a clearinghouse for research and information relating to correctional public health and infectious disease issues.

(b) The center shall identify priorities for correctional health care providers, including performing behavioral interventions, performing health screenings, and providing immunizations.

(c) The center may work with state and local correctional health agencies, including the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, in performing its duties.

Sec. 105.006. STAFF; AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT. The center may hire staff or may contract with universities or other suitable entities to assist the center in carrying out the center's duties.

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS as appropriate.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall contract with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Institute for Health Policy to perform a study to provide research and recommendations regarding the prevention and reduction of communicable diseases in inmate populations that are most likely to come into contact with inmates in a correctional environment.

(b) The study should:

(1) identify and describe inmate public health threats such as HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, hepatitis B and C, tuberculosis, other communicable diseases, and other results of substance abuse;

(2) emphasize overall public health preventative programs, including programs that focus on risk situations and risky behavior; and

(3) evaluate the cost of interventions and demonstration projects.

(c) In conducting the study, the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Institute for Health Policy shall work with state and local correctional health agencies, including providers of correctional health care and the public health section of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

(d) The contract must require the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Institute for Health Policy to file with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice a report on the results of the study, with research findings and recommendations, not later than December 1, 2008. The health science center shall provide copies of the report to the legislature and the governor.