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H.B. No. 2614

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an adult diabetes education program in certain county  
3 hospital systems and hospital districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 1001.076 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1001.076. ADULT DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM. (a) In  
8 counties with populations of more than 100,000, the department  
9 shall assist hospital districts and county hospital systems in  
10 providing an adult diabetes education program. The program must be  
11 based on a curriculum developed by the Texas Diabetes Council.

12 (b) A hospital district or county hospital system that  
13 participates in the program shall:

14 (1) make the adult diabetes education program  
15 available in English and Spanish using the curriculum developed by  
16 the Texas Diabetes Council; and

17 (2) make the education program available in the  
18 county, including at each rural health clinic the district or  
19 system may have.

20 (c) The Texas Diabetes Council shall develop for the adult  
21 diabetes education program a curriculum emphasizing life choices  
22 that enable a diabetic patient to control the disease and improve  
23 the patient's standard of living.

24 SECTION 2. Not later than June 1, 2008, the Texas Diabetes

1 Council shall develop the curriculum required by Section 1001.076,  
2 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2009, the Department of  
4 State Health Services shall implement the adult diabetes education  
5 program established under Section 1001.076, Health and Safety Code,  
6 as added by this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.