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H.B. No. 2615

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on an adult diabetes education program in certain county hospital systems and hospital districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 1001.0761 to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.0761. STUDY ON ADULT DIABETES EDUCATION. (a) The department shall conduct a study of the feasibility and cost of providing an adult diabetes education program to be offered in counties with populations of more than 100,000 by hospital districts and county hospital systems. The department may select a division, committee, or employee of the department to conduct the study.

(b) A hospital district or county hospital system that receives funding under the program would be required to:

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

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

(c) Not later than June 1, 2008, the Texas Diabetes Council shall develop a proposed curriculum for the adult diabetes education program and provide a copy of the proposed curriculum to

1 the department. The curriculum must emphasize life choices that  
2 enable a diabetic patient to control the disease and improve the  
3 patient's standard of living.

4 (d) Not later January 1, 2009, the department shall deliver  
5 to the legislature a report on:

6 (1) the results of the study conducted under  
7 Subsection (a), including the feasibility and cost of providing the  
8 program;

9 (2) a plan of action for implementing the adult  
10 diabetes education program in hospital districts and county  
11 hospital systems;

12 (3) an analysis of any diabetes education programs  
13 currently offered to adults by hospital districts and county  
14 hospital systems, including the costs and effectiveness of the  
15 programs; and

16 (4) a copy of the proposed curriculum developed by the  
17 Texas Diabetes Council.

18 (e) This section expires June 1, 2010.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.