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H.B. No. 3154

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the creation of a review committee to study the
3 potential for a regional health care system in certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS REVIEW COMMITTEE.

6 (a) In this Act, "region" means the area formed by the counties in
7 public health region three of this state as established by the
8 Department of State Health Services.

9 (b) The regional health care systems review committee is
10 created to conduct public hearings regarding, and to study the
11 implications of, implementing regional health care service in the
12 region.

13 (c) The committee consists of:

14 (1) each member of the legislature who represents a
15 district that contains territory in the region;

16 (2) each county commissioner of a county located in
17 the region;

18 (3) each county judge in the region; and

19 (4) the executive director of each public hospital in
20 the region.

21 (d) In conducting hearings and studies, the committee
22 shall:

23 (1) examine whether a regional system of health care
24 should be offered throughout the region;

1 (2) examine whether there should be a mechanism for
2 additional counties to participate in the regional health care
3 system; and

4 (3) perform a review of funding and financing options.

5 (e) The initial meeting of the committee must take place
6 before September 30, 2007. At the initial meeting the committee
7 shall:

8 (1) adopt rules governing the committee; and

9 (2) establish a work plan and schedule for future
10 meetings.

11 (f) The committee may accept gifts, grants, technical
12 support, or any other resources from any source to carry out the
13 functions of the committee.

14 (g) Not later than September 1, 2008, the committee shall
15 issue a report summarizing:

16 (1) hearings conducted by the committee;

17 (2) studies conducted by the committee;

18 (3) any legislation proposed by the committee; and

19 (4) any other findings or recommendations of the
20 committee.

21 (h) Not later than December 1, 2008, the committee shall
22 submit a copy of the summary report to the governor, the lieutenant
23 governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives.

24 (i) This Act expires September 1, 2009.

25 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
26 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
27 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas

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1 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
2 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.