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H.B. No. 3571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to partnerships between the Health and Human Services Commission and private entities to conduct health and human services program outreach efforts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.066 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.066. PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OUTREACH. (a) The commission shall enter into partnerships with private entities, including retail and other businesses, that agree to conduct outreach efforts to persons in this state regarding the following health and human services programs:

(1) the child health plan program under Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code;

(2) the financial assistance program under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code;

(3) the medical assistance program under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code;

(4) nutritional assistance programs under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code; and

(5) any other health and human services program the commission determines is appropriate.

(b) A private entity that enters into a partnership with the commission under this section may:

1 (1) provide informational materials, including
2 eligibility guidelines and eligibility redetermination
3 information, to the entity's customers or other clients regarding
4 the programs listed in Subsection (a);

5 (2) perform other appropriate outreach functions, as
6 determined by the commission, with respect to those programs;

7 (3) use the entity's employees to perform the outreach
8 functions described by Subdivisions (1) and (2); and

9 (4) provide space at the entity's place of business at
10 which the commission may conduct health and human services program
11 outreach and enrollment campaigns.

12 (c) The executive commissioner may adopt rules regarding
13 the requirements applicable to an entity with which the commission
14 enters into a partnership under this section.

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