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H.B. No. 3618

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain health programs and grants and other related
3 funds for school districts located in the border region.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 38.013, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) The commissioner in consultation with the Department of
8 State Health Services shall adopt criteria to require that at least
9 one program available under Subsection (a) be designed to prevent
10 and detect obesity and Type 2 diabetes by taking into account the
11 needs of a school district described by Section 38.0131 that has a
12 student population identified by the commissioner as at risk for
13 obesity and Type 2 diabetes. A program designated under this
14 subsection must provide that:

15 (1) each school district must distribute to each
16 school in the district:

17 (A) health curriculum teacher's guides for each
18 grade level;

19 (B) health curriculum student workbooks for each
20 student in each grade level;

21 (C) a physical education activity pad;

22 (D) a cafeteria program instructor's guide and
23 food service staff workbooks; and

24 (E) a newsletter for the family of each student

1 in the district;

2 (2) for each student in kindergarten through grade
3 eight, each school in the school district must:

4 (A) measure the height and weight of the student
5 at the beginning of the school year and at another appropriate time
6 during the implementation of the program; and

7 (B) track the measurements of the student and the
8 progress of the student under the program through a data entry
9 system provided over the Internet; and

10 (3) the coordinated health program components must
11 consist of bilingual materials.

12 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
13 amended by adding Section 38.0131 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 38.0131. REQUIRED COORDINATED HEALTH PROGRAM FOR
15 CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (a) This section applies only to a
16 school district located in a municipality that:

17 (1) has a population greater than 11,900; and

18 (2) is located within one-half mile of an
19 international border.

20 (b) A school district to which this section applies shall
21 implement a coordinated health program that meets the criteria of
22 Section 38.013(d).

23 (c) In the first year a school district implements a program
24 under this section, the district shall report the measurements of
25 student height and weight and the progress of a student under the
26 program to the entity that administers the program. The
27 administering entity shall evaluate and analyze the measurements to

1 determine the effectiveness of the program in the first year.

2 (d) The Department of State Health Services shall, from
3 money appropriated for that purpose, distribute money to each
4 school district required to implement a coordinated health program
5 under this section to cover the costs associated with the program.

6 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 38.0631 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 38.0631. GRANT-WRITING COORDINATION PROGRAM. (a) The
9 Department of State Health Services shall employ one person as a
10 grant writer to assist and coordinate with school districts located
11 in the Texas-Mexico border region in obtaining grants and other
12 funds for school-based health centers.

13 (b) A grant writer employed under this section may secure a
14 grant or other funds on behalf of the state for a school-based
15 health center.

16 (c) Funds obtained by the use of a grant writer employed
17 under this section may be used only to:

18 (1) acquire, construct, or improve facilities for a
19 school-based health center;

20 (2) purchase or lease equipment or materials for a
21 school-based health center; or

22 (3) pay the salary or employment benefits of a person
23 who is employed to work exclusively in a school-based health
24 center.

25 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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