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.   Chapter 168, Health and Safety Code, is amended

6 by adding Sections 168.010 and 168.011 to read as follows:

7   Sec. 168.010.   DIABETES INTERVENTION PILOT PROGRAM FOR

8 SCHOOL DISTRICTS LOCATED ON THE TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER.   (a) This

9 section applies only to a school district located in a county that:

10   (1) has a population of less than 600,000; and

11   (2) is located on the international border.

12   (b) The department, in consultation with the Texas

13 Education Agency, shall adopt criteria for the development of a

14 pilot program that is designed to prevent and detect Type 2 diabetes

15 for a school district described by Subsection (a) that has a student

16 population identified by the commissioner as at risk for Type 2

17 diabetes and that takes into account the needs of the school

18 district.   A pilot program developed under this subsection must

19 provide that:

20   (1) for each student in kindergarten through grade

21 eight, each school in the school district must:

22   (A) measure the height, weight, and blood glucose

23 levels of the student at the beginning of the school year and at

24 another appropriate time during the implementation of the program;

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1 and

2   (B) track the measurements of the student and the

3 progress of the student under the program through a data entry

4 system provided over the Internet; and

5   (2) the pilot program components consist of bilingual

6 materials.

7   (c) A school district to which Subsection (a) applies may

8 choose to participate in a pilot program under this section. In the

9 first year a school district implements a program under this

10 section, the district shall report the measurements of student

11 height, weight, and blood glucose levels and the progress of a

12 student under the program to the entity that administers the

13 program. The administering entity, in cooperation with the

14 department, shall evaluate and analyze the measurements to

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

16   (d) The department shall, from money appropriated for that

17 purpose, distribute money to each school district that chooses to

18 implement a pilot program under this section to cover the costs

19 associated with the program.

20   Sec. 168.011. GRANT-WRITING COORDINATION PROGRAM. (a) The

21 department shall employ one person as a grant writer to assist and

22 coordinate with school districts located in the Texas-Mexico border

23 region in obtaining grants and other funds for school-based health

24 centers.

25   (b) A grant writer employed under this section may secure a

26 grant or other funds on behalf of the state for a school-based

27 health center.

1   (c) Funds obtained by the use of a grant writer employed

2 under this section may be used only to:

3   (1) acquire, construct, or improve facilities for a

4 school-based health center;

5   (2) purchase or lease equipment or materials for a

6 school-based health center; or

7   (3) pay the salary or employment benefits of a person

8 who is employed to work exclusively in a school-based health

9 center.

10   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

14 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

   I certify that H.B. No. 3618 was passed by the House on May 10, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3618 on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting.

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                  Chief Clerk of the House

   I certify that H.B. No. 3618 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 5.

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                  Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
     Date

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     Governor