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H.B. No. 3618

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a coordinated health program for school districts located in the border region.

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

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

(d) The commissioner shall adopt criteria to require that at least one program available under Subsection (a) be designed to prevent and detect obesity and Type 2 diabetes by taking into account the needs of school districts located in a county located on the Texas-Mexico border that have a student population identified by the commissioner as at risk for obesity and Type 2 diabetes. A program designated under this subsection must provide that:

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

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

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

(C) a physical education activity pad;

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

(E) a newsletter for the family of each student in the district;

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

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

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

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

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

13           Sec. 38.0131. REQUIRED COORDINATED HEALTH PROGRAM FOR  
14 CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (a) A school district located in a  
15 county located on the Texas-Mexico border shall implement a  
16 coordinated health program that meets the criteria of Section  
17 38.013(d).

18           (b) In the first year a school district implements a program  
19 under this section, the district shall report the measurements of  
20 student height and weight and the progress of a student under the  
21 program to the entity that administers the program. The  
22 administering entity shall evaluate and analyze the measurements to  
23 determine the effectiveness of the program in the first year.

24           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.