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H.B. No. 3735

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a diabetes demonstration pilot program.

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

SECTION 1. DIABETES DEMONSTRATION PILOT PROGRAM. The Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Diabetes Council shall assist in the establishment of a diabetes demonstration pilot program at the Memorial Health System of East Texas to provide a comprehensive approach to promoting the prevention and treatment of acanthosis nigricans and diabetes. The pilot program must:

(1) focus on taking an epidemiological approach to disease surveillance;

(2) identify the prevalence of acanthosis nigricans and diabetes in adults and children in the service area of the Memorial Health System of East Texas;

(3) provide to persons positively screened for acanthosis nigricans or diabetes wellness and health information and services;

(4) improve the access to care for persons diagnosed with acanthosis nigricans or diabetes; and

(5) study the cost savings of early detection and treatment of acanthosis nigricans and diabetes.

SECTION 2. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The Memorial Health System of East Texas may solicit, accept, and administer gifts and grants from any source, other than this state, for the use and benefit of

1 the diabetes demonstration pilot program.

2 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than October 1, 2008, the
3 Memorial Health System of East Texas shall submit a report to the
4 Texas Diabetes Council regarding the effectiveness of the pilot
5 program and any recommendations to continue, expand, or eliminate
6 the pilot program.

7 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2009.

8 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
9 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
10 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
11 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
12 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.