

1-1 By: McReynolds, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 3735
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2007;
1-3 May 15, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a diabetes demonstration pilot program.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. DIABETES DEMONSTRATION PILOT PROGRAM. The Texas
1-11 Department of State Health Services and the Texas Diabetes Council
1-12 shall assist in the establishment of a diabetes demonstration pilot
1-13 program at the Memorial Health System of East Texas to provide a
1-14 comprehensive approach to promoting the prevention and treatment of
1-15 acanthosis nigricans and diabetes. The pilot program must:

1-16 (1) focus on taking an epidemiological approach to
1-17 disease surveillance;

1-18 (2) identify the prevalence of acanthosis nigricans
1-19 and diabetes in adults and children in the service area of the
1-20 Memorial Health System of East Texas;

1-21 (3) provide to persons positively screened for
1-22 acanthosis nigricans or diabetes wellness and health information
1-23 and services;

1-24 (4) improve the access to care for persons diagnosed
1-25 with acanthosis nigricans or diabetes; and

1-26 (5) study the cost savings of early detection and
1-27 treatment of acanthosis nigricans and diabetes.

1-28 SECTION 2. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The Memorial Health System of
1-29 East Texas may solicit, accept, and administer gifts and grants
1-30 from any source, other than this state, for the use and benefit of
1-31 the diabetes demonstration pilot program.

1-32 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than October 1, 2008, the
1-33 Memorial Health System of East Texas shall submit a report to the
1-34 Texas Diabetes Council regarding the effectiveness of the pilot
1-35 program and any recommendations to continue, expand, or eliminate
1-36 the pilot program.

1-37 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2009.

1-38 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
1-39 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
1-40 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
1-41 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
1-42 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

1-43

* * * * *