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S.B. No. 27

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a pilot program to educate nursing home residents about
3 advance care planning.

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

5 SECTION 1. ADVANCE CARE PLANNING PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The
6 Department of Aging and Disability Services shall develop and
7 implement a pilot program to increase the use of advance directives
8 by nursing home residents in this state by educating the residents
9 about advance care planning.

10 (b) The pilot program shall provide for a process to educate
11 nursing home residents regarding:

12 (1) the legal issues associated with advance
13 directives;

14 (2) the health care choices available to a person with
15 a terminal or irreversible condition;

16 (3) the proper completion of advance directives; and

17 (4) the importance of discussing advance directives
18 with family, friends, advisers, and health care providers.

19 SECTION 2. RULES. The executive commissioner of the Health
20 and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules to implement this
21 Act.

22 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than October 1, 2010, the
23 Department of Aging and Disability Services shall submit a report
24 to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of

1 representatives, and the appropriate standing committees of the
2 legislature, regarding the pilot program that includes:

3 (1) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot
4 program; and

5 (2) a recommendation to continue, expand, or eliminate
6 the pilot program.

7 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2011.

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.