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S.B. No. 418

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a research program regarding the prevention and treatment of obesity-related health concerns.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter Z to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Z. OBESITY-RELATED TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

Sec. 161.901. RESEARCH. The Department of State Health Services, with the assistance of the Texas Department of Insurance, shall identify and encourage evidence-based clinical interventions to prevent and treat obesity. The Department of State Health Services may promote guidelines for the medical community and insurers or other health benefit plan issuers in developing prevention or treatment plans for obesity-related health concerns.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.