AN ACT
relating to the creation of an interagency obesity council.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle E, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is
amended by adding Chapter 114 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 114. INTERAGENCY OBESITY COUNCIL

Sec. 114.001. INTERAGENCY OBESITY COUNCIL. (a) The
commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of state health
services, and commissioner of education, or a staff member
designated by each of those commissioners, shall meet at least once
a year as an interagency council to:

(1) discuss the status of each agency's programs that
promote better health and nutrition and prevent obesity among
children and adults in this state; and

(2) consider the feasibility of tax incentives for
employers who promote activities designed to reduce obesity in the
workforce.

(b) Not later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the
interagency council shall submit a report to the governor, the
lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
representatives on the activities of the council during the
preceding two calendar years.

(c) A report submitted by the interagency council under
Subsection (b) must include:

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(1) a list of the programs within each agency that are designed to promote better health and nutrition;

(2) an assessment of the steps taken by each program during the preceding two calendar years;

(3) a report of the progress made by taking these steps in reaching each program's goals;

(4) the areas of improvement that are needed in each program; and

(5) recommendations for future goals or legislation.

(d) A meeting held under this section is not subject to the provisions of the open meetings law, Chapter 551, Government Code.

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.
President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 556 passed the Senate on April 26, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 556 passed the House on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor