

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 556
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 9, 2007; February 26, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human
1-4 Services; April 16, 2007, reported favorably by the following
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the creation of an interagency obesity council.

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

1-10 SECTION 1. Subtitle E, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is
1-11 amended by adding Chapter 114 to read as follows:

1-12 CHAPTER 114. INTERAGENCY OBESITY COUNCIL

1-13 Sec. 114.001. INTERAGENCY OBESITY COUNCIL. (a) The
1-14 commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of state health
1-15 services, and commissioner of education, or a staff member
1-16 designated by each of those commissioners, shall meet at least once
1-17 a year as an interagency council to:

1-18 (1) discuss the status of each agency's programs that
1-19 promote better health and nutrition and prevent obesity among
1-20 children and adults in this state; and

1-21 (2) consider the feasibility of tax incentives for
1-22 employers who promote activities designed to reduce obesity in the
1-23 workforce.

1-24 (b) Not later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the
1-25 interagency council shall submit a report to the governor, the
1-26 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
1-27 representatives on the activities of the council during the
1-28 preceding two calendar years.

1-29 (c) A report submitted by the interagency council under
1-30 Subsection (b) must include:

1-31 (1) a list of the programs within each agency that are
1-32 designed to promote better health and nutrition;

1-33 (2) an assessment of the steps taken by each program
1-34 during the preceding two calendar years;

1-35 (3) a report of the progress made by taking these steps
1-36 in reaching each program's goals;

1-37 (4) the areas of improvement that are needed in each
1-38 program; and

1-39 (5) recommendations for future goals or legislation.

1-40 (d) A meeting held under this section is not subject to the
1-41 provisions of the open meetings law, Chapter 551, Government Code.

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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