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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 861 By: Hegar

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the creation of employee wellness programs by state
1-11 agencies.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 664, Government Code, is amended by
1-14 adding Section 664.007 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 664.007. EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM. (a) Each state
1-16 agency shall designate an individual as the wellness coordinator
1-17 for the agency. The wellness coordinator may collaborate with
1-18 other agencies and sources to provide information and resources to
1-19 employees through bulletin boards and e-mail. The employee
1-20 wellness program may include:

1-21 (1) an agency wellness center staffed by a nurse
1-22 practitioner who provides employees with services such as blood
1-23 pressure monitoring and annual health assessments;

1-24 (2) ergonomic office equipment;

1-25 (3) nutrition education;

1-26 (4) smoking cessation programs; and

1-27 (5) contracts with fitness centers for reduced
1-28 membership fees for state employees.

1-29 (b) A state agency with fewer than 100 employees may join
1-30 with a state agency with 100 employees or more to create a program
1-31 under this section and to share resources under the program.

1-32 (c) A state agency may consult with the Department of State
1-33 Health Services on wellness issues.

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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