

Amend CSHB 1831 (Senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION __. Subtitle F, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 123 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 123. PUBLIC HEALTH EXTENSION SERVICE

PILOT PROGRAM

Sec. 123.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Department" means the Department of State Health Services; and

(2) "Program" means the public health extension service pilot program established under this chapter.

Sec. 123.002. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED; PURPOSES. (a) The department shall establish a public health extension service pilot program in Health Service Region 11, a region of the state that may be particularly vulnerable to biosecurity threats, disaster, and other emergencies.

(b) The purpose of the program is to support local public health and medical infrastructure, promote disease control and medical preparedness, and enhance biosecurity, including detection of dangerous biologic agents, availability of pathology services, and management of hazardous materials.

Sec. 123.003. RULES. The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission may adopt rules for the implementation and administration of the program.

Sec. 123.004. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION. The department may contract with The Texas A&M University System or The University of Texas System or both to implement or administer the program.

Sec. 123.005. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. Through the program, the department may implement projects and systems to accomplish the purposes of the program described by Section 123.002, and may:

(1) provide support for regional disaster medical assistance teams and tactical medical operations incident management teams;

(2) establish a disaster training and exercise program;

(3) establish and equip caches of necessary medical

supplies and equipment for use in disasters and other emergencies;

(4) establish a regionally based system of emergency medical logistics management to support state and federal emergency management authorities, including local patient triage sites and local emergency medical operations; and

(5) establish a regionally based system to provide technical assistance for disaster mitigation and recovery.

Sec. 123.006. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2010, the department shall report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives on the program, including recommendations for continuing and expanding the program to other regions of the state.

Sec. 123.007. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires and the program is abolished September 2, 2011.