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H.B. No. 3429

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain program and reporting duties of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 88, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

Sec. 88.821. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "extension service" means the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Sec. 88.822. PROGRAM REPORTS. (a) The extension service shall make a presentation to the commissioner of education, the commissioner of agriculture, and the commissioner of the Department of State Health Services and shall provide copies of reports to the Texas Education Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of State Health Services, and any council in which representatives from all three of those agencies are members, on the following programs:

(1) the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), which provides nutrition education for economically disadvantaged parents of young children;

(2) the Better Living for Texans (BLT) program, a component of the national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which provides education programs to food stamp recipients, applicants, and other approved audiences to help

1 improve their ability to plan and prepare nutritious meals, stretch  
2 food dollars, and prepare and store food safely; and

3 (3) other similar programs as determined by the  
4 extension service.

5 (b) Not later than December 15 of each even-numbered year,  
6 the extension service shall provide a copy of each report described  
7 by Subsection (a) to the legislature.

8 (c) This section does not affect any other requirement for  
9 the extension service to make a report to any state or federal  
10 agency.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.