

1-1 By: Gutierrez (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 3429
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2009;
1-3 May 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 12, 2009, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 12, 2009, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to certain program and reporting duties of the Texas
1-10 AgriLife Extension Service.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Chapter 88, Education Code, is amended by adding
1-13 Subchapter K to read as follows:

1-14 SUBCHAPTER K. TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

1-15 Sec. 88.821. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "extension
1-16 service" means the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

1-17 Sec. 88.822. PROGRAM REPORTS. (a) The extension service
1-18 shall make a presentation to the commissioner of education, the
1-19 commissioner of agriculture, and the commissioner of the Department
1-20 of State Health Services and shall provide copies of reports to the
1-21 Texas Education Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and the
1-22 Department of State Health Services, and any council in which
1-23 representatives from all three of those agencies are members, on
1-24 the following programs:

1-25 (1) the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
1-26 (EFNEP), which provides nutrition education for economically
1-27 disadvantaged parents of young children;

1-28 (2) the Better Living for Texans (BLT) program, a
1-29 component of the national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
1-30 Program (SNAP), which provides education programs to food stamp
1-31 recipients, applicants, and other approved audiences to help
1-32 improve their ability to plan and prepare nutritious meals, stretch
1-33 food dollars, and prepare and store food safely; and

1-34 (3) other similar programs as determined by the
1-35 extension service.

1-36 (b) Not later than December 15 of each even-numbered year,
1-37 the extension service shall provide a copy of each report described
1-38 by Subsection (a) to the legislature.

1-39 (c) This section does not affect any other requirement for
1-40 the extension service to make a report to any state or federal
1-41 agency.

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, 2009.

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