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H.B. No. 3860

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to community outreach to increase awareness of the  
3 availability of health benefits coverage under the child health  
4 plan program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 62.056, Health and Safety Code, is  
7 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d-1) to  
8 read as follows:

9 (a) The commission shall strengthen its [~~conduct a~~]  
10 community outreach and education campaign to provide information  
11 relating to the availability of health benefits for children under  
12 this chapter. The commission shall conduct the campaign in a  
13 manner that:

14 (1) promotes enrollment in, and minimizes duplication  
15 of effort among, all state-administered child health programs; and

16 (2) focuses on increasing parents' awareness of the  
17 availability of health benefits coverage for eligible children  
18 under this chapter.

19 (d-1) In addition to contracting with community-based  
20 organizations under Subsection (c) to implement the community  
21 outreach campaign, the commission shall make other efforts to  
22 strengthen community outreach by fostering partnerships between  
23 private local businesses and community-based organizations for  
24 that purpose.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.