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H.B. No. 4160

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to health and human services programs designed to assist
3 elderly individuals.

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

5 SECTION 1. The Health and Human Services Commission shall
6 develop recommendations and implement policies designed to assist
7 elderly individuals in the community, including:

8 (1) reducing interest lists for community-based
9 Medicaid waiver programs;

10 (2) exploring strategies to support informal
11 caregivers, including the provision of respite services;

12 (3) streamlining the licensing, casework, and
13 reporting requirements for community care providers;

14 (4) supporting community-based and volunteer-driven
15 initiatives to provide elderly individuals with services in the
16 individuals' homes; and

17 (5) supporting initiatives intended to help prevent
18 accidents in the home that hasten the need for facility-based care,
19 including fall prevention initiatives.

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