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H.B. No. 123

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an adult diabetes education program in certain county hospital systems and hospital districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 1001.077 to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.077. ADULT DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM. (a) In counties with populations of more than 100,000, the department may assist hospital districts and county hospital systems in providing an adult diabetes education program. The program must be based on a curriculum developed by the Texas Diabetes Council.

(b) A hospital district or county hospital system that participates in the program shall:

(1) make the adult diabetes education program available in English and Spanish using the curriculum developed by the Texas Diabetes Council; and

(2) make the education program available in the county, including at each rural health clinic the district or system may have.

(c) The Texas Diabetes Council shall develop for the adult diabetes education program a curriculum emphasizing life choices that enable a diabetic patient to control the disease and improve the patient's standard of living.

SECTION 2. Not later than June 1, 2012, the Texas Diabetes

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1 Council shall develop the curriculum required by Section 1001.077,
2 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.