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H.B. No. 1266

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1266:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to a study of the practice of advanced practice registered  
3 nurses and the authority of those nurses to prescribe and order  
4 prescription drugs.

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

6 SECTION 1. INTERIM STUDY OF INDEPENDENT PRACTICE OF  
7 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES. (a) The speaker of the house  
8 of representatives and the lieutenant governor shall issue a joint  
9 interim charge to the standing committees of the house of  
10 representatives and senate with jurisdiction over health care  
11 professionals to conduct a joint study as described by Subsection  
12 (b).

13 (b) The study shall examine the independent practice of  
14 advanced practice registered nurses to perform basic emergency and  
15 non-emergency health care services and preventive health care  
16 services within the scope of the health care providers' practice  
17 and license, including:

18 (1) the potential cost savings of health care  
19 providers who are not physicians performing these health care  
20 services;

21 (2) the impact on access to health care services for  
22 underserved communities and health professional shortage areas;

23 (3) any projected impact on patient safety and the  
24 quality of care for persons treated by health care providers who are

1 not physicians;

2 (4) the effect on the state's overall health care  
3 system; and

4 (5) the potential cost savings and other foreseeable  
5 consequences of expanding the authority of advanced practice  
6 registered nurses to prescribe medication to patients.

7 (c) Not later than January 1, 2013, the committees shall  
8 report the committees' findings and recommendations to the  
9 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,  
10 and the governor. The committees shall include in their  
11 recommendations specific changes to statutes and agency rules that  
12 may be necessary according to the results of the committees' study  
13 conducted under this section.

14 (d) Not later than November 1, 2011, the lieutenant governor  
15 and the speaker of the house of representatives shall issue the  
16 joint interim charge required by this section.

17 (e) This section expires January 1, 2013.

18 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
19 1, 2011.