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H.B. No. 1478

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the extension of the women's health program
3 demonstration project.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 32.0248(a), (g), and (i), Human
6 Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The department shall operate [~~establish~~] a [~~five-year~~]
8 demonstration project through the medical assistance program to
9 expand access to preventive health and family planning services for
10 women. A woman eligible under Subsection (b) to participate in the
11 demonstration project may receive appropriate preventive health
12 and family planning services, including:

- 13 (1) medical history recording and evaluation;
14 (2) physical examinations;
15 (3) health screenings, including screening for:
16 (A) diabetes;
17 (B) cervical cancer;
18 (C) breast cancer;
19 (D) sexually transmitted diseases;
20 (E) hypertension;
21 (F) cholesterol; and
22 (G) tuberculosis;

23 (4) counseling and education on contraceptive methods
24 emphasizing the health benefits of abstinence from sexual activity

1 to recipients who are not married, except for counseling and
2 education regarding emergency contraception;

3 (5) provision of contraceptives, except for the
4 provision of emergency contraception;

5 (6) risk assessment; and

6 (7) referral of medical problems to appropriate
7 providers that are entities or organizations that do not perform or
8 promote elective abortions or contract or affiliate with entities
9 that perform or promote elective abortions.

10 (g) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
11 the department shall submit a report to the legislature regarding
12 the department's progress in [~~establishing and~~] operating the
13 demonstration project.

14 (i) This section expires September 1, 2021 [~~2011~~].

15 SECTION 2. If before implementing Section 32.0248, Human
16 Resources Code, as amended by this Act, a state agency determines
17 that an amendment to the existing waiver or other authorization is
18 necessary to extend the operation of the demonstration project for
19 women's health care services under that section as amended, the
20 agency affected by the provision shall request the amendment to the
21 waiver or other authorization and may delay implementing that
22 section until the amendment or other authorization is granted.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect August 31, 2011.