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H.B. No. 1983

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1983:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to certain childbirths occurring before the 39th week of
3 gestation.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 32.0313 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 32.0313. INDUCED DELIVERIES OR CESAREAN SECTIONS
8 BEFORE 39TH WEEK. (a) The department shall develop quality
9 initiatives and implement cost-cutting measures designed to reduce
10 the number of elective or nonmedically indicated induced deliveries
11 or cesarean sections performed at a hospital on a medical
12 assistance recipient before the 39th week of gestation.

13 (b) The department shall coordinate with physicians,
14 hospitals, managed care organizations, and the department's
15 billing contractor for the medical assistance program to develop a
16 process for collecting information regarding the number of induced
17 deliveries and cesarean sections described by Subsection (a) that
18 occur during prescribed periods.

19 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 241, Health and Safety
20 Code, is amended by adding Section 241.007 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 241.007. INDUCED DELIVERIES OR CESAREAN SECTIONS
22 BEFORE 39TH WEEK. A hospital that provides obstetrical services
23 shall collaborate with physicians providing services at the
24 hospital to develop quality initiatives to reduce the number of

1 elective or nonmedically indicated induced deliveries or cesarean
2 sections performed at the hospital on a woman before the 39th week
3 of gestation.

4 SECTION 3. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission
5 shall conduct a study to assess the effects of the quality
6 initiatives adopted under Section 32.0313, Human Resources Code, as
7 added by this Act, and Section 241.007, Health and Safety Code, as
8 added by this Act, on infant health and frequency of infant
9 admissions to neonatal intensive care units and hospital
10 readmissions for mothers and infants.

11 (b) Not later than December 1, 2012, the Health and Human
12 Services Commission shall submit a written report containing the
13 findings of the study conducted under this section together with
14 the commission's recommendations to the standing committees of the
15 senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction
16 over public health.

17 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act
18 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
19 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
20 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
21 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
22 waiver or authorization is granted.

23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.