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H.B. No. 3255

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the creation of guidelines for the Office of the State  
3 Demographer to encourage the inclusion of a broad variety of  
4 racial/ethnic groups in estimates and projections.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 468.004, Government Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 468. STATE DEMOGRAPHER

9 Sec. 468.004 POWERS AND DUTIES

10 The state demographer shall:

11 (1) disseminate demographic and related socioeconomic  
12 data to the public, with emphasis on data that may be useful to  
13 public policymakers;

14 (2) provide annual population estimates for all  
15 counties and municipalities in the state;

16 (3) provide biennial population projections for the  
17 state and all counties of the state;

18 (4) adhere to current standards of practice when  
19 determining which racial/ethnic groups to include in estimates and  
20 projections;

21 (5) provide information by request which justifies the  
22 omission of any particular racial/ethnic group from estimates and  
23 projections, including limitations of data and methodology;

24 ~~(4)~~(6) provide information to the legislature

1 relating to the impact that demographic and socioeconomic changes  
2 in the population of the state have on the demand for state  
3 services; and

4 (5)(7) evaluate the type and quality of data needed  
5 to:

6 (A) adequately monitor demographic and  
7 socioeconomic changes in the population of the state; and

8 (B) assess the effectiveness of delivery of state  
9 services.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.