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S.B. No. 1769

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the maintenance by certain hospitals of records regarding certain uncompensated care costs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 311, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 311.034 to read as follows:

Sec. 311.034. RECORDS OF CERTAIN COSTS REQUIRED; REPORT.

(a) A public or private hospital that receives trauma funds under Section 773.122, 780.004, or 782.003 or Section 403.106, Government Code, shall maintain a record of:

(1) the amount of uncompensated care costs at the hospital resulting from workplace injuries; and

(2) the cause of each workplace injury for which treatment is uncompensated or, if the cause is not known, the name of the employer of the injured person.

(b) A hospital described by Subsection (a) annually shall submit to the department a report containing the records required by that subsection.

(c) The department shall provide technical assistance to a hospital described by Subsection (a) to maximize the efficiency of reporting under this section.

SECTION 2. A hospital required to report to the Department of State Health Services under Section 311.034, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, shall submit the initial report required

1 by that section not later than August 1, 2012.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.