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H.B. No. 749

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a plan to increase participation in the summer food service program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 12.00291 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.00291. PLAN TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM. (a) The department shall develop and implement a five-year plan to increase participation in the summer food service program under 42 U.S.C. Section 1761. The plan must include:

(1) methods to increase participation by eligible children; and

(2) strategies to increase access to summer meals in rural areas.

(b) In developing the plan, the department shall involve any appropriate department advisory committee and shall seek the participation of the Texas Hunger Initiative.

(c) Not later than January 1, 2015, the department shall submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and appropriate standing committees of the legislature a report regarding the implementation status of the plan.

(d) This section expires September 1, 2018.

1           SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.