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H.B. No. 1413

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duties of the state demographer related to abortion statistics.

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

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

Sec. 468.004. POWERS AND DUTIES. The state demographer shall:

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

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

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

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

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

(6) provide information to the legislature relating to the impact that demographic and socioeconomic changes in the population of the state have on the demand for state services; ~~and~~

- 1           (7) evaluate the type and quality of data needed to:
- 2                 (A) adequately monitor demographic and
- 3 socioeconomic changes in the population of the state; and
- 4                 (B) assess the effectiveness of delivery of state
- 5 services; and
- 6           (8) investigate the characteristics and trends of
- 7 abortion in Texas and the socioeconomic impact of abortion on the
- 8 state, and annually include its findings in a report to the
- 9 legislature and the public.

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, 2013.