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H.B. No. 1708

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study regarding the capacity and service capabilities of the Texas Women's Health Program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 39, Subchapter B of the Human Resources Code is amended by adding Section 39.46:

Section 39.46. Reporting Requirement. (a) The department, as the agency responsible for administering the TWHP, must annually submit a report to the Legislature assessing the true capacity and service capabilities of the direct providers on its list. The report must contain, at a minimum, the following criteria:

(i) The exact number of patients each direct provider has the capacity to serve annually under the TWHP;

(ii) A formulaic analysis of how the provider and/or the department assessed the number of patients in Section 39.46(a)(i);

(iii) The number of patients each direct provider served in the previous fiscal year under the TWHP;

(iv) The number of physicians for each direct provider that perform services under the TWHP;

(v) A description of the services that each direct provider has the capability to provide under the TWHP; and

(vi) A description of the services that each direct provider does not have the capability to provide under the TWHP.

(b) The department, as the agency responsible for

1 administering the TWHP, must submit the report under Section
2 39.46(a) to the Legislature as soon as practically possible, but no
3 later than January 31st of each legislative session.

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