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H.B. No. 3299

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study regarding the provision of the drug palivizumab through the Medicaid vendor drug program to premature newborns.

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

SECTION 1. The Department of State Health Services shall conduct a study to determine the appropriateness of criteria set for approval for dosage to premature newborns:

(1) whether a newborn should meet 3 criteria before administration of drug is approved;

(2) access to quality of medical care for a newborn receiving this drug;

(3) any other factors the Agency considers relevant.

SECTION 2. No later than December 1, 2014, The Texas Education Agency shall:

(1) publish the results of the study required by this Act on the commission's available Internet website; and

(2) deliver the results of the study required by this Act to:

(A) the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each committee of each house of the legislature that has jurisdiction over state health services

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.