

1-1 By: Davis of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 606
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2015;
 1-3 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 and Human Services; May 20, 2015, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 20, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study on the benefits of prenatal surgical procedures
 1-20 to treat birth defects.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. (a) In this Act:

1-23 (1) "Birth defect" has the meaning assigned by Section
 1-24 87.001, Health and Safety Code.

1-25 (2) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
 1-26 Commission.

1-27 (b) The commission shall conduct a study to evaluate the
 1-28 benefits of prenatal surgical procedures to treat birth defects.
 1-29 The procedures studied must include:

1-30 (1) fetoscopic placental laser ablation;

1-31 (2) maternal-fetal surgery; and

1-32 (3) any other type of prenatal surgical procedure that
 1-33 is or becomes the standard of practice for treating a birth defect.

1-34 (c) The study must analyze:

1-35 (1) the difference in average total cost to the
 1-36 Medicaid program, private health benefit plan coverage, and
 1-37 individuals and other payors between conducting a prenatal surgical
 1-38 procedure and a postnatal procedure to treat a birth defect,
 1-39 including any continuing treatments needed after either procedure;
 1-40 and

1-41 (2) any improvement in survival rates, long-term
 1-42 outcomes, and quality of life for children with birth defects
 1-43 following a prenatal surgical procedure as compared to a postnatal
 1-44 procedure to treat a birth defect.

1-45 (d) Not later than December 1, 2016, the commission shall
 1-46 submit a written report on the results of the study to the governor,
 1-47 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, House
 1-48 Committee on Public Health, and Senate Committee on Health and
 1-49 Human Services.

1-50 (e) This Act expires September 1, 2017.

1-51 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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