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H.B. No. 2752

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a chronic respiratory disease state strategic plan developed by the Department of State Health Services.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Department of State Health Services shall develop a strategic plan to significantly reduce morbidity and mortality from chronic respiratory disease, including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

(b) In developing the strategic plan, the Department of State Health Services shall collaborate with the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission and may convene any necessary workgroups. The members of a workgroup may include:

(1) health care providers specializing in asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease prevention, screening, treatment, or research;

(2) representatives of general academic teaching institutions as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, medical and dental units as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, and medical schools as defined by Section 61.501, Education Code, and other educators with experience with asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;

(3) nonprofit and community organizations serving individuals with asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;

1 (4) representatives from geographic areas or other
2 population groups at higher risk of asthma and chronic obstructive
3 pulmonary disease; and

4 (5) other people the department determines are
5 necessary.

6 (c) In developing the strategic plan, the Department of
7 State Health Services shall:

8 (1) identify barriers to effective prevention,
9 screening, medication adherence, and treatment for asthma and
10 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, including specific barriers
11 affecting health care providers and patients;

12 (2) identify methods to increase awareness of the risk
13 factors and symptoms associated with asthma and chronic obstructive
14 pulmonary disease;

15 (3) identify methods to increase the use of
16 evidence-based screening to enhance the number of people screened
17 regularly for asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;

18 (4) review current technologies and best practices for
19 asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease management and
20 treatment;

21 (5) review technology available to diagnose and
22 prevent asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;

23 (6) develop methods for creating partnerships with
24 public and private entities to increase awareness of asthma and
25 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;

26 (7) review current prevention, screening, treatment,
27 and other related activities in this state for asthma and chronic

1 obstructive pulmonary disease and identify areas in which the
2 health care services provided through those activities are lacking;

3 (8) estimate the annual direct and indirect state
4 health care costs attributable to asthma and chronic obstructive
5 pulmonary disease; and

6 (9) make recommendations to the legislature on state
7 policy changes and funding needed to implement the strategic plan.

8 (d) Not later than December 31, 2016, the Department of
9 State Health Services shall deliver to the governor and members of
10 the legislature the strategic plan and recommendations on goal
11 implementation and schedule compliance related to the strategic
12 plan developed as required by this section.

13 (e) This section expires January 1, 2017.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.