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H.B. No. 3574

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on early detection and early intervention in
3 cases of children with autism spectrum disorders.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Department of Aging and Disability
6 Services shall conduct a study on:

7 (1) early detection and early intervention in cases of
8 children with autism spectrum disorders, including the accurate
9 diagnosis of children with autism spectrum disorders at birth;

10 (2) the educational and developmental benefits of
11 early diagnosis and the prompt provision of therapy to children
12 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders; and

13 (3) potential legislative solutions to promote early
14 diagnosis and early intervention in cases of children with autism
15 spectrum disorders.

16 (b) Not later than December 1, 2016, the commissioner of
17 aging and disability services shall provide a report on the results
18 of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the
19 legislature.

20 (c) This section expires September 1, 2017.

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