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S.B. No. 1701

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a human papillomavirus-associated cancer strategic
3 plan developed by the Department of State Health Services.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Department of State Health Services
6 shall develop a strategic plan to significantly reduce morbidity
7 and mortality from human papillomavirus-associated cancer.

8 (b) In developing the strategic plan, the Department of
9 State Health Services shall collaborate with the Cancer Prevention
10 and Research Institute of Texas and may convene any necessary
11 workgroups. The members of a workgroup may include:

12 (1) health care providers specializing in human
13 papillomavirus-associated cancer prevention, screening,
14 treatment, or research;

15 (2) physicians specializing in primary care,
16 pediatrics, or obstetrics and gynecology;

17 (3) mid-level health care practitioners;

18 (4) cancer epidemiologists;

19 (5) representatives of general academic teaching
20 institutions as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, and
21 medical and dental units as defined by Section 61.003, Education
22 Code;

23 (6) middle school, high school, or college health
24 educators;

- 1 (7) human papillomavirus-associated cancer survivors;
- 2 (8) representatives from geographic areas or other
3 population groups at higher risk of human
4 papillomavirus-associated cancer;
- 5 (9) representatives of community-based and
6 faith-based organizations involved in providing education,
7 awareness, or support relating to human papillomavirus-associated
8 cancer; or
- 9 (10) other people the department determines are
10 necessary.

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

- 13 (1) identify barriers to effective prevention,
14 screening, and treatment for human papillomavirus-associated
15 cancer, including specific barriers affecting providers and
16 patients;
- 17 (2) identify methods to increase the number of people
18 vaccinated against human papillomavirus;
- 19 (3) identify methods to increase use of evidence-based
20 screening to enhance the number of people screened regularly for
21 human papillomavirus-associated cancer;
- 22 (4) review current technologies and best practices for
23 human papillomavirus-associated cancer screening;
- 24 (5) review technology available to diagnose and
25 prevent infection by human papillomavirus;
- 26 (6) develop methods for creating partnerships with
27 public and private entities to increase awareness of human

1 papillomavirus-associated cancer and of the importance of
2 vaccination education and regular screening;

3 (7) review current prevention, screening, treatment,
4 and related activities in this state and identify areas in which the
5 services for those activities are lacking;

6 (8) estimate the annual direct and indirect state
7 health care costs attributable to human papillomavirus-associated
8 cancers;

9 (9) identify actions necessary to increase
10 vaccination and screening rates and reduce the morbidity and
11 mortality from human papillomavirus-associated cancer and
12 establish a schedule for implementing those actions; and

13 (10) make recommendations to the legislature on policy
14 changes and funding needed to implement the strategic plan.

15 (d) Not later than December 31, 2016, the Department of
16 State Health Services shall deliver to the governor and members of
17 the legislature the strategic plan and recommendations on goal
18 implementation and schedule compliance related to the strategic
19 plan.

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

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