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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a chronic respiratory disease state strategic plan
3 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 chronic respiratory diseases such as asthma and
8 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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

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

16 (2) representatives of general academic teaching
17 institutions as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, and
18 medical and dental units as defined by Section 61.003, Education
19 Code as well as other educators with experience with chronic
20 respiratory disease;

21 (3) non-profit and community organizations serving
22 individuals with chronic respiratory disease such as asthma and
23 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease,

24 (4) representatives from geographic areas or other

1 population groups at higher risk of asthma and chronic obstructive
2 pulmonary disease;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (6) develop methods for creating partnerships with
23 public and private entities to increase awareness of chronic
24 respiratory disease;

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

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

4 (9) make recommendations to the legislature on policy
5 changes and funding needed to implement the strategic plan.

6 (d) Not later than December 31, 2016, the Department of
7 State Health Services shall deliver to the governor and members of
8 the legislature the strategic plan and recommendations on goal
9 implementation and schedule compliance related to the strategic
10 plan.

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

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