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S.B. No. 1928

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the rulemaking authority of the Health and Human
3 Services Commission to provide for the placement of refugees in
4 this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 531.041, Government Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The Commission has all the
9 powers and duties necessary to administer this chapter.

10 (b) The Executive Commissioner shall adopt rules for
11 gathering and considering community input on the local refugee
12 distribution reporting requirements for the United States Refugee
13 Resettlement Program as administered by this state.

14 SECTION 2. Not later than May 1, 2016, the Health and Human
15 Services Executive Commissioner shall adopt the rules as provided
16 by Section 531.041(b), Government Code, as added by this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.