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H.B. No. 1008

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 Health and Human Services Commission  
6 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, 2018, the executive  
17 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
18 provide a report on the results of the study to the governor, the  
19 lieutenant governor, and the legislature.

20 (c) This section expires September 1, 2019.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.