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S.B. No. 1368

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on the provision of vision services benefits to
3 older individuals in this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "commission" means the
6 Health and Human Services Commission.

7 (b) The commission, the Governor's Committee on People with
8 Disabilities, and the Aging Texas Well advisory committee shall
9 collaborate to conduct a study to evaluate the barriers and
10 limitations and develop recommendations related to expanding
11 vision services benefits to older individuals in this state. In
12 conducting the study, the entities shall:

13 (1) identify a comprehensive training curriculum that
14 can be used by governmental agencies and personnel who provide
15 direct intervention and independent living services to older
16 individuals who are experiencing vision loss;

17 (2) explore coordination opportunities between
18 governmental agencies and organizations in the private and public
19 sectors regarding providing vision services benefits to older
20 individuals; and

21 (3) identify incentives and benefits for
22 organizations in the private sector that address the issue of
23 vision loss in the older individual population.

24 (c) Not later than September 1, 2018, the executive

1 commissioner of the commission shall submit a written report
2 containing the findings of the study conducted under Subsection (b)
3 of this section to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the
4 speaker of the house of representatives, and the members of the
5 legislature.

6 (d) This Act expires December 1, 2018.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.