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S.B. No. 2104

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study on the feasibility of using the statewide system  
3 of health care data collection to create a public database of  
4 charges billed by health care providers.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 108, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
7 by adding Section 108.0137 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 108.0137. STUDY REGARDING FEASIBILITY OF PUBLIC  
9 DATABASE OF CHARGES. (a) In this section, "nonprofit health  
10 corporation" means a health organization that is certified under  
11 Section 162.001, Occupations Code, and that holds a certificate of  
12 authority issued by the commissioner of insurance under Chapter  
13 844, Insurance Code.

14 (b) The department shall conduct a study to determine the  
15 feasibility of creating a public database of charges billed by  
16 providers.

17 (c) The database described by Subsection (b) would allow  
18 patients, health maintenance organizations, and nonprofit health  
19 corporations to determine charges billed according to each zip code  
20 in the state.

21 (d) In conducting the study required by this section, the  
22 department shall consult with the Department of Information  
23 Resources.

24 (e) Not later than December 1, 2018, the department shall

1 report the results of the study required by this section to the  
2 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of  
3 representatives, and the appropriate standing committees of the  
4 senate and the house of representatives.

5 (f) This section expires January 1, 2019.

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