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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the study and prevention of opioid overdoses occurring in this state.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. OPIOID OVERDOSES

Sec. 1001.261.  OPIOID OVERDOSE STUDY. (a) The department shall use vital statistics information and any other relevant data maintained by or available to the department to conduct an ongoing study on opioid overdoses occurring in this state.

(b)  The department shall examine and investigate all relevant aspects of opioid overdoses, including:

(1)  the specific opioids responsible for overdoses and deaths;

(2)  the populations most vulnerable to opioid misuse; and

(3)  the regions of the state most affected by adverse impacts related to opioid misuse.

(c)  The department shall regularly update and make available on the department's Internet website the findings of the study, except that the department may not publicly disclose the identity of any patient, health care provider, or health care facility.

Sec. 1001.262.  PLAN. (a) Based on the investigation and study under Section 1001.261, the department, under the direction of the commission and in consultation with appropriate agencies, shall develop and periodically revise a state plan for the prevention of opioid overdoses and opioid-related deaths in the populations most vulnerable to opioid misuse leading to death and within the most affected regions.

(b)  The department shall review and modify as necessary the state plan developed under this section at least once every five years.

(c)  The department shall biennially submit to the legislature updated legislative recommendations developed under this section.

Sec. 1001.263.  COOPERATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. The department shall make statistics concerning opioid misuse available to affected local governments and shall, to the extent appropriate, share with those governments information concerning community approaches and best practices for reducing opioid misuse and opioid-related deaths.

SECTION 2.  The Department of State Health Services shall submit to the legislature the department's initial plan and legislative recommendations under Section 1001.262, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, not later than November 1, 2022.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.