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H.B. No. 513

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a pilot program for the distribution of certain
contraceptives in participating public school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
amended by adding Section 38.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.025. LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVE
DISTRIBUTION PILOT PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "pilot program"
means the long-acting reversible contraceptive distribution pilot
program.

(b) Using funds specifically appropriated for the purpose
of the pilot program or other funds available to the agency for that
purpose, available federal funds, or other funds received as
authorized by Subsection (g), the agency, in coordination with the
Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of State
Health Services, shall establish a pilot program under which a
school district participating in the pilot program may distribute
or provide for the distribution of long-acting reversible
contraceptives to students enrolled in the district.

(c) The agency shall designate six school districts to
participate in the pilot program. The agency shall include in the
six districts designated:

(1) a district located in an urban area;

(2) a district located in a rural area;

1 (3) a district to which Chapter 41 applies;

2 (4) a district that is not required to take action
3 under Chapter 41;

4 (5) a district with a rate of teen pregnancy above the
5 national average at the time of the designation; and

6 (6) a district with a rate of teen pregnancy below the
7 national average at the time of the designation.

8 (d) A district designated under Subsection (c) may qualify
9 under multiple criteria described by Subsection (c).

10 (e) The agency by rule shall designate the specific types of
11 long-acting reversible contraceptives that may be distributed to
12 students under the pilot program.

13 (f) A school district participating in the pilot program may
14 not distribute or provide for the distribution of a long-acting
15 reversible contraceptive to a student who is under 18 years of age
16 unless the school district obtains consent from the parent of or
17 person standing in parental relation to the student.

18 (g) The agency may accept grants and donations to fund the
19 pilot program.

20 (h) Not later than December 31 of each year that funding is
21 provided for the pilot program, the agency shall provide a report to
22 the legislature evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot program.

23 (i) The agency, the Health and Human Services Commission,
24 and the Department of State Health Services shall adopt rules as
25 necessary to implement and administer this section.

26 (j) This section expires September 1, 2023.

27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.