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H.B. No. 1424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a local agreement with the Department of State Health Services to improve laboratory capabilities in border counties.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter F, Chapter 12, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. [~~OFFICE OF~~] BORDER HEALTH

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 12, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 12.073 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.073. LOCAL AGREEMENT. The department shall enter into an agreement with an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, located in Cameron or Hidalgo County to increase the availability of laboratory services in counties adjacent to an international border.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.