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S.B. No. 1110

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to communicable disease prevention for federal immigration detention facilities located near an international border.

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 12.075 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.075. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION FOR FEDERAL IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITY AND SURROUNDING AREA. (a) In this section, "federal immigration detention facility" means a facility that is operated by or under contract with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enforce federal immigration laws and that detains immigrants.

(b) The department, in consultation and collaboration with the Office of State-Federal Relations, the secretary of state, and the attorney general, shall seek to enter into a memorandum of understanding or other agreement with the appropriate federal agencies or federal contractors operating federal immigration detention facilities located in a county along the international border with Mexico.

(c) The memorandum of understanding or agreement entered

1 into under Subsection (b) must:

2 (1) establish appropriate protocols and procedures to  
3 prevent the spread of communicable disease;

4 (2) require notice to a local or county health  
5 authority of a public health condition that may become a public  
6 health risk for the area surrounding a federal immigration  
7 detention facility if left untreated; and

8 (3) authorize the department to establish a state  
9 program in collaboration with the appropriate federal agencies or  
10 contractors to mitigate the public health risks related to federal  
11 immigration detention facilities.

12 (d) If authorized by the memorandum of understanding or  
13 agreement entered into under Subsection (b), the department may  
14 establish and operate a program to prevent the spread of  
15 communicable disease from a federal immigration detention  
16 facility.

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