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S.B. No. 1149

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an assessment and strategic review of the trauma  
3 hospital system by the Department of State Health Services.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "department" means the  
6 Department of State Health Services.

7 (b) The department, in collaboration with the advisory  
8 council established under Section 773.012, Health and Safety Code,  
9 shall conduct an assessment of trauma hospital adequacy in  
10 accordance with the strategic plans required by Section 2056.002,  
11 Government Code, and Section 773.012(1), Health and Safety Code.

12 (c) The assessment described by Subsection (b) of this  
13 section must include a review of:

14 (1) the deficiencies of trauma hospital systems in  
15 rural counties in this state;

16 (2) the deficiencies of trauma hospital systems in  
17 counties located along the international border with Mexico; and

18 (3) the adequacy of access to each trauma level of care  
19 in each region of this state, with an emphasis on level one trauma  
20 facilities.

21 (d) The department may develop recommendations on necessary  
22 changes to law, funding, or public policy to address the  
23 deficiencies described by Subsection (c) of this section.

24 (e) The department may, as necessary and to the extent money

1 is available, contract with a third party to collect information  
2 and conduct an analysis for the assessment described by Subsection  
3 (b) of this section.

4 (f) The department shall complete the assessment described  
5 by Subsection (b) of this section and submit a written report to the  
6 legislature not later than September 1, 2022.

7 SECTION 2. (a) In this section, "department" means the  
8 Department of State Health Services.

9 (b) The department, in collaboration with the advisory  
10 council established under Section 773.012, Health and Safety Code,  
11 shall conduct a strategic review of hospitals designated as level  
12 one trauma hospitals that includes an analysis of:

13 (1) impediments for hospitals in obtaining a  
14 designation as a level one trauma hospital;

15 (2) the source, including a statute, a rule, or  
16 funding, of any impediments described by Subdivision (1) of this  
17 subsection; and

18 (3) existing laws found to be the source of an  
19 impediment described by Subdivision (1) of this subsection and any  
20 recommendations for amending the laws.

21 (c) The department shall prepare and submit a written report  
22 to the legislature on the strategic review conducted under this  
23 section and any recommendations not later than December 31, 2020.

24 SECTION 3. This Act expires September 1, 2023.

25 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.