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S.B. No. 1179

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on the allocation and expenditure of tobacco
3 settlement agreement money.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this Act, "tobacco settlement agreement"
6 means the Comprehensive Settlement Agreement and Release filed on
7 January 16, 1998, in the United States District Court, Eastern
8 District of Texas, in the case styled The State of Texas v. The
9 American Tobacco Co., et al., No. 5-96CV-91, and all subsequent
10 amendments.

11 (b) The Health and Human Services Commission, in
12 cooperation with any relevant state agencies, shall conduct a study
13 to determine the allocation and expenditure of tobacco settlement
14 agreement money.

15 (c) In conducting the study, the commission shall:

16 (1) identify recipients of tobacco settlement
17 agreement money, disaggregated by:

18 (A) age;

19 (B) race or ethnicity; and

20 (C) region of the state; and

21 (2) determine if any communities or groups did not
22 receive tobacco settlement agreement money to help in the
23 prevention and treatment of tobacco-related diseases.

24 (d) Not later than December 1, 2020, the commission shall

1 prepare and submit to the House Health and Human Services Committee
2 and Senate Public Health Committee a written report containing the
3 results of the study and any recommendations for legislative or
4 other action.

5 (e) This Act expires September 1, 2021.

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