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S.B. No. 1313

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to demonstration programs for childhood obesity and chronic disease prevention in certain border counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 90 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 90. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS ADDRESSING CHILDHOOD OBESITY
AND CHRONIC DISEASE IN CERTAIN BORDER COUNTIES

Sec. 90.0001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "border county" means a county adjacent to this state's international border with Mexico.

Sec. 90.0002. ESTABLISHMENT. The department shall establish the childhood obesity prevention demonstration program and the chronic disease prevention demonstration program under this chapter in counties that:

(1) are adjacent to the international border with Mexico; and

(2) have a population of less than 800,000 and more than 400,000.

Sec. 90.0003. CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM. (a) To the extent funds are available, the department shall develop and implement a school-based demonstration program to address childhood obesity and related chronic diseases in each county to which this chapter applies.

1 (b) The demonstration program must be evidence-based and
2 culturally appropriate.

3 (c) In developing the childhood obesity prevention
4 demonstration program under Subsection (a), the department shall
5 prioritize appropriate collaborations with:

6 (1) medical professionals specializing in obesity
7 prevention;

8 (2) experts in public health;

9 (3) representatives of health science centers;

10 (4) experts in public and higher education;

11 (5) representatives of local school health advisory
12 councils;

13 (6) interested parties from the counties
14 participating in the program;

15 (7) a representative from the Texas Education Agency;

16 (8) a representative from the Texas Higher Education
17 Coordinating Board; and

18 (9) representatives from other appropriate state
19 agencies.

20 Sec. 90.0004. CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION
21 PROGRAM. (a) To the extent funds are available, the department
22 shall establish a chronic disease prevention demonstration program
23 for adults residing in each county to which this chapter applies.

24 (b) In establishing the chronic disease prevention
25 demonstration program under Subsection (a), the department shall
26 prioritize appropriate collaboration with:

27 (1) medical professionals specializing in chronic

1 disease treatment;

2 (2) representatives from hospitals licensed under
3 Chapter 241;

4 (3) representatives from academic centers located in
5 border counties; and

6 (4) a representative from a medical school in the
7 immediate border region.

8 Sec. 90.0005. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOLS AND OTHER
9 ENTITIES. The department, based on the results of the
10 demonstration programs established under this chapter, shall share
11 the strategies, best practices, and recommendations the department
12 determines are successful in addressing childhood obesity and
13 chronic disease prevention with public schools and other
14 appropriate entities in each county to which this chapter applies.

15 Sec. 90.0006. EVALUATION. The department shall evaluate
16 the effectiveness of the demonstration programs established under
17 this chapter not later than September 1, 2029.

18 Sec. 90.0007. REPORT. Not later than November 1, 2029, the
19 department shall submit a written or electronic report on the
20 demonstration programs established under this chapter to the
21 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
22 and each member of the legislature. The report must include:

23 (1) a summary of the programs;

24 (2) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the
25 programs; and

26 (3) recommendations on whether the programs should be
27 continued, expanded to other border counties, or terminated.

1 Sec. 90.0008. RULES. The executive commissioner shall
2 adopt rules as necessary to implement this chapter.

3 SECTION 2. The Department of State Health Services is
4 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
5 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If
6 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
7 purpose, the department may, but is not required to, implement a
8 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that
9 purpose.

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