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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to home-delivered meal services under the Options for Independent Living program.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 101A.151, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (2-a) to read as follows:

(2-a)  "Commission" means the Health and Human Services Commission.

SECTION 2.  Subchapter D, Chapter 101A, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 101A.1541 to read as follows:

Sec. 101A.1541.  HOME-DELIVERED MEAL SERVICES: EVALUATION AND MONITORING. (a) On a quarterly basis the commission shall evaluate the use of home-delivered meal services under the Options for Independent Living program by collecting data from all local area agencies on aging to determine:

(1)  the number of:

(A)  home-delivered meals requested under the program;

(B)  requests for home-delivered meals that are approved and denied under the program; and

(C)  home-delivered meals that are delivered to individuals under the program; and

(2)  statewide trends related to the provision of home-delivered meals under the program and the reasons for those trends.

(b)  The commission shall continually monitor the use of home-delivered meal services under the Options for Independent Living program, including statewide trends related to the use of those services, and make any necessary actions to improve the provision of those services.

(c)  Not later than December 1 of each year, the commission shall:

(1)  submit a report containing the results of the evaluations performed under Subsection (a) and recommendations for improving the use of home-delivered meals under the Options for Independent Living program to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the standing committees of the legislature having primary jurisdiction over health and human services; and

(2)  post the report on the commission's Internet website.

SECTION 3.  Not later than December 1, 2021, the Health and Human Services Commission shall submit the report required by Section 101A.1541(c), Human Resources Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.