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H.B. No. 1635

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on first responders' workers' compensation claims by the workers' compensation research and evaluation group.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 405, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 405.0027 to read as follows:

Sec. 405.0027. STUDY ON FIRST RESPONDER CLAIMS. (a) The group shall study workers' compensation claims involving first responders, as defined by Section 504.055.

(b) The study must include an analysis of medical costs, return-to-work outcomes, access to and utilization of care, satisfaction with care, and health-related functional outcomes.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2022, the group shall issue a report on the study conducted under this section to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the legislature.

(d) This section expires on January 1, 2023.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.