

By: Meza

H.B. No. 4058

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study on the provision of applied behavior analysis  
3 services to children with autism under Medicaid and other public  
4 benefits programs.

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

6 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. (a) In this Act:

7 (1) "Applied behavior analysis" means the practice  
8 described by Section 506.003, Occupations Code.

9 (2) "Child health plan program" means the child health  
10 plan program established under Chapters 62 and 63, Health and  
11 Safety Code.

12 (3) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services  
13 Commission.

14 (4) "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program  
15 established under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code.

16 SECTION 2. STUDY: COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS ON PROVISION OF  
17 APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SERVICES UNDER MEDICAID AND OTHER  
18 PROGRAMS. (a) The commission shall conduct a cost-benefit analysis  
19 comparing the cost to the state of providing applied behavior  
20 analysis services to children with autism compared with the  
21 effectiveness of the services in treating children with autism. The  
22 study must:

23 (1) determine the cost of applied behavior analysis  
24 services across all public benefits programs, including Medicaid,

1 the child health plan program, and other health and human services  
2 programs; and

3 (2) determine the efficacy of applied behavior  
4 analysis services provided to children with autism.

5 (b) In conducting the study required by this section, the  
6 commission shall consult with all relevant state agencies that  
7 administer or operate a public benefits program to obtain all  
8 information necessary to conduct the study.

9 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2022, the  
10 commission shall prepare and submit a report on the findings of the  
11 study conducted under Section 2 of this Act to the governor, the  
12 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,  
13 and the standing committees of the senate and house of  
14 representatives having jurisdiction over health and human  
15 services.

16 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2023.

17 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
18 1, 2021.