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S.B. No. 1049

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 border counties with 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.

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

(c) In developing the childhood obesity prevention

1 demonstration program, the department shall prioritize appropriate
2 collaborations with:

3 (1) medical professionals specializing in obesity
4 prevention;

5 (2) experts in public health;

6 (3) representatives of health science centers;

7 (4) experts in public and higher education;

8 (5) representatives of local school health advisory
9 councils;

10 (6) interested parties from counties participating in
11 the program;

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

13 (8) a representative from the Texas Higher Education
14 Coordinating Board; and

15 (9) representatives from other appropriate state
16 agencies.

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

21 (b) In establishing the chronic disease prevention
22 demonstration program, the department shall prioritize appropriate
23 collaboration with:

24 (1) medical professionals specializing in chronic
25 disease treatment;

26 (2) representatives from hospitals licensed under
27 Chapter 241;

1 (3) representatives from academic centers located in
2 border counties; and

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

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

12 Sec. 90.0006. EVALUATION. The department shall evaluate
13 the effectiveness of the demonstration programs established under
14 this chapter not later than September 1, 2031.

15 Sec. 90.0007. REPORT. Not later than November 1, 2031, the
16 department shall submit a written or electronic report on the
17 demonstration programs established under this chapter to the
18 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
19 and each member of the legislature. The report must include:

20 (1) a summary of the programs;
21 (2) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the
22 programs; and

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

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

27 Sec. 90.0009. EXPIRATION. Sections 90.0006 and 90.0007 and

1 this section expire September 1, 2033.

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

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.