

1-1 By: Rose, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Miles) H.B. No. 1488
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2023;
 1-3 April 12, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 & Human Services; May 8, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 8, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to sickle cell disease health care improvement and the
 1-20 sickle cell task force.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 533, Government Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 533.0091 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 533.0091. SICKLE CELL DISEASE TREATMENT. To the
 1-25 extent possible, the commission shall:

1-26 (1) in collaboration with the sickle cell task force
 1-27 established under Chapter 52, Health and Safety Code:

1-28 (A) support initiatives to assist managed care
 1-29 plans in promoting timely, evidence-informed health care services
 1-30 to plan enrollees diagnosed with sickle cell disease to ensure the
 1-31 services reflect national clinical practice guidelines and
 1-32 protocols for sickle cell disease treatment and meet medical
 1-33 necessity criteria; and

1-34 (B) address sickle cell disease education for
 1-35 Medicaid providers, including emergency department providers, by
 1-36 collaborating with medical specialty organizations in this state,
 1-37 state agencies, and health-related institutions to promote
 1-38 existing or new continuing education courses or facilitate
 1-39 development of any necessary new courses to improve the diagnosis,
 1-40 treatment, and management of sickle cell disease and the personal
 1-41 treatment of patients with sickle cell disease; and

1-42 (2) use the commission's existing data to identify
 1-43 opportunities for improving health outcomes of recipients
 1-44 diagnosed with sickle cell disease by:

1-45 (A) reducing hospital admissions and
 1-46 readmissions; and

1-47 (B) connecting those recipients to a sickle cell
 1-48 disease health home or sickle cell disease expert.

1-49 SECTION 2. Sections 52.0003 and 52.0007, Health and Safety
 1-50 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-51 Sec. 52.0003. COMPOSITION OF TASK FORCE. The task force is
 1-52 composed of the following members appointed by the executive
 1-53 commissioner:

1-54 (1) two members from community-based organizations
 1-55 with experience addressing the needs of individuals with sickle
 1-56 cell disease;

1-57 (2) two physicians specializing in hematology;

1-58 (3) three [two] members of the public, one of whom has
 1-59 sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait and two [each] of whom
 1-60 either have [has] sickle cell disease or are [is] a parent of a
 1-61 person with sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait; [and]

- 2-1 (4) one representative of a health-related
- 2-2 institution;
- 2-3 (5) one representative of the Texas Education Agency;
- 2-4 (6) one representative of the commission;
- 2-5 (7) one physician with experience addressing the needs
- 2-6 of individuals with sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait;
- 2-7 (8) one researcher from a public health-related or
- 2-8 academic institution with experience addressing sickle cell
- 2-9 disease and sickle cell trait; and
- 2-10 (9) one health care professional with experience
- 2-11 addressing the needs of individuals with sickle cell disease or
- 2-12 sickle cell trait.

2-13 Sec. 52.0007. ANNUAL REPORT. (a) Not later than December 1

2-14 of each year, the task force shall prepare and submit to the

2-15 governor and the legislature an annual written report that

2-16 summarizes the task force's work and includes any recommended

2-17 actions or policy changes endorsed by the task force.

2-18 (b) The task force shall, in collaboration with the

2-19 commission, include in the task force's annual report

2-20 recommendations for improving sickle cell disease education for

2-21 health care providers.

2-22 SECTION 3. Chapter 52, Health and Safety Code, is amended by

2-23 adding Section 52.0008 to read as follows:

2-24 Sec. 52.0008. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and

2-25 this chapter expires August 31, 2035.

2-26 SECTION 4. Subtitle B, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is

2-27 amended by adding Chapter 52A to read as follows:

2-28 CHAPTER 52A. SICKLE CELL DISEASE CARE EDUCATION AND TREATMENT

2-29 Sec. 52A.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "sickle cell

2-30 task force" means the sickle cell task force established under

2-31 Chapter 52.

2-32 Sec. 52A.002. EMERGENCY AND PRIMARY CARE MEDICINE GRADUATE

2-33 MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM CURRICULUM. (a) In this section,

2-34 "graduate medical education program" and "medical school" have the

2-35 meanings assigned by Section 58A.001, Education Code.

2-36 (b) A medical school or graduate medical education program

2-37 in this state that offers an emergency medicine, family medicine,

2-38 internal medicine, obstetrics, or pediatrics residency program

2-39 shall examine and, to the extent possible, incorporate in the

2-40 curriculum requirements for the program education focused on sickle

2-41 cell disease and sickle cell trait. The medical school or graduate

2-42 medical education program may enter into agreements as necessary

2-43 for the purposes of this section.

2-44 Sec. 52A.003. INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

2-45 PERSONNEL. (a) To the extent possible, the Texas Education Agency

2-46 in collaboration with sickle cell disease community-based

2-47 organizations shall provide information on sickle cell disease and

2-48 sickle cell trait to public school districts and district staff,

2-49 including school nurses, teachers, and coaches.

2-50 (b) The commission in collaboration with the sickle cell

2-51 task force shall explore methods for improving sickle cell disease

2-52 education and awareness within the public school system and provide

2-53 recommendations to the Texas Education Agency on the improvement

2-54 methods.

2-55 SECTION 5. As soon as practicable after the effective date

2-56 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human

2-57 Services Commission shall appoint the new members of the sickle

2-58 cell task force as required by Section 52.0003, Health and Safety

2-59 Code, as amended by this Act.

2-60 SECTION 6. Section 52A.002, Health and Safety Code, as

2-61 added by this Act, applies to residents entering an emergency

2-62 medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics, or

2-63 pediatrics residency program at a medical school or graduate

2-64 medical education program in this state on or after January 1, 2024.

2-65 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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