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H.B. No. 2563

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a study on the disparities in the provision of certain
3 health care services to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in
4 this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) In this Act, "commission" means the Health
7 and Human Services Commission.

8 (b) The commission, in collaboration with nonprofit
9 organizations with experience providing health care resources or
10 services to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, shall conduct a
11 study on the disparities in health care services provided to Asian
12 Americans and Pacific Islanders, including disparities in:

13 (1) the provision of mental health services;

14 (2) the provision of reproductive health care
15 services;

16 (3) the provision of health care services due to
17 violence against an individual based on the individual's actual or
18 perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender
19 expression;

20 (4) the provision of health care services due to
21 gender-based violence;

22 (5) provision of gender-affirming health care
23 services; and

24 (6) the availability of language interpreters in

1 health care settings.

2 (c) In conducting the study, the commission shall solicit
3 and consider information from:

4 (1) the Department of State Health Services;

5 (2) the Center for Elimination of Disproportionality
6 and Disparities;

7 (3) the Texas Education Agency; and

8 (4) other state agencies, political subdivisions, or
9 nonprofit organizations as necessary.

10 (d) The commission shall ensure the information collected
11 under Subsection (c) of this section does not personally identify a
12 patient and must disaggregate the data by ethnicity.

13 (e) Not later than December 1, 2024, the commission shall
14 prepare and submit to the legislature a written report containing
15 the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative
16 action.

17 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2025.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.