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S.B. No. 1677

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on prevention and reduction of diabetes-related amputation.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In this Act:

(1) "Department" means the Department of State Health Services.

(2) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall designate an institution of higher education to conduct a study on the prevention and reduction of diabetes-related amputation, using existing institutional resources. The institution must have a Research Activity Designation: Research 1: Very High Research Spending and Doctorate Production under the 2025 Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

(c) In conducting the study, the institution of higher education designated under Subsection (b) of this section shall:

- (1) collaborate with the department;
- (2) identify and examine information on amputations resulting from diabetes; and
- (3) develop recommendations regarding:
 - (A) amputation prevention related to diabetic foot ulcers and peripheral artery disease;

1 (B) methods for increasing public awareness of
2 diabetes-related amputation;

3 (C) best practices for reducing the number of
4 amputations performed; and

5 (D) policy solutions for ensuring access to
6 treatments to assist with preventing amputation, including:

7 (i) insurance coverage for therapies
8 designed to treat diabetic foot ulcers, including topical oxygen
9 therapy;

10 (ii) timely and equitable access to
11 evidence-supported medical tools, technologies, and services to
12 assist with the prevention of avoidable amputations;

13 (iii) methods to improve and incentivize
14 quality care to avoid amputations when possible; and

15 (iv) methods to promote collaboration and
16 cooperation among interested persons.

17 (d) In conducting the study, the institution of higher
18 education designated under Subsection (b) of this section shall
19 consult with the following individuals:

20 (1) the commissioner of state health services;

21 (2) a physician licensed in this state who specializes
22 in endocrinology;

23 (3) a nurse licensed in this state with expertise in
24 diabetes education;

25 (4) a vascular surgeon with expertise in amputation
26 prevention;

27 (5) a physician, physician assistant, or advanced

1 practice registered nurse with expertise in amputation prevention;
2 (6) a podiatrist with expertise in treating diabetic
3 foot ulcers;
4 (7) a podiatrist or vascular surgeon affiliated with
5 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
6 (8) a representative of a public health provider;
7 (9) at least three individuals diagnosed with diabetes
8 or who have experienced diabetes-related amputation;
9 (10) a representative of the American Diabetes
10 Association; and
11 (11) other individuals as the institution determines
12 necessary.

13 (e) Not later than September 1, 2026, the institution of
14 higher education designated under Subsection (b) of this section
15 shall prepare and submit to the department a report summarizing the
16 results of the study and containing recommendations for legislative
17 or other action. The department shall post the report on the
18 department's Internet website. The post must include:

19 (1) the information on which the institution's
20 determinations and recommendations are based; and
21 (2) the methodologies the institution used to conduct
22 the study.

23 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2027.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.