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S.B. No. 1677

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Department of State Health Services 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, "department" means the Department of State Health Services.

(b) The department shall conduct a study on the prevention and reduction of diabetes-related amputation.

(c) In conducting the study, the department shall:

(1) identify and examine information on amputations resulting from diabetes; and

(2) develop recommendations regarding:

(A) amputation prevention related to diabetic foot ulcers and peripheral artery disease;

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

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

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

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

(ii) timely and equitable access to

evidence-supported medical tools, technologies, and services to assist with the prevention of avoidable amputations;

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

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

(d) In conducting the study, the department shall consult with the following individuals:

(1) the commissioner of state health services;

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

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

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

(5) a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse with expertise in amputation prevention;

(6) a podiatrist with expertise in treating diabetic foot ulcers;

(7) a podiatrist or vascular surgeon affiliated with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

(8) a representative of a public health provider;

(9) at least three individuals diagnosed with diabetes or who have experienced diabetes-related amputation;

(10) a representative of the American Diabetes Association; and

(11) other individuals as the department determines

1 necessary.

2 (e) Not later than September 1, 2026, the department shall
3 prepare and submit to the governor and the legislature a report
4 summarizing the results of the study and containing recommendations
5 for legislative or other action. The department shall post the
6 report on the department's Internet website. The post must include:

7 (1) the information on which the department's
8 determinations and recommendations is based; and

9 (2) the methodologies the department used to conduct
10 the study.

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

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