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S.B. No. 2853

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to conducting an assessment of language accessibility with
3 respect to certain health and human services programs and 2-1-1
4 services provided by the Texas Information and Referral Network.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

7 (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
8 Commission.

9 (2) "Executive commissioner" means the executive
10 commissioner of the commission.

11 (b) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this
12 Act, the commission shall employ a language access coordinator to
13 conduct an assessment of and identify gaps in non-English speakers'
14 access to the health and human services programs administered by
15 the commission and 2-1-1 services provided by the Texas Information
16 and Referral Network.

17 (c) Not later than the first anniversary of the date the
18 commission employs a language access coordinator under Subsection
19 (b) of this section, the coordinator shall conduct the assessment
20 described by that subsection and submit to the executive
21 commissioner a written report that:

22 (1) summarizes the findings of the assessment; and

23 (2) provides recommendations for increasing
24 non-English speakers' access to health and human services programs

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1 and 2-1-1 services provided by the Texas Information and Referral
2 Network throughout this state.

3 SECTION 2. This Act expires June 1, 2027.

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