

1-1 By: Davis of Harris, Zerwas, Burkett H.B. No. 2131  
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Huffman)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2015;  
1-4 May 18, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-5 and Human Services; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the  
1-6 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8				
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the designation of centers of excellence to achieve  
1-21 healthy fetal outcomes in this state.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Chapter 32, Health and Safety Code, is amended by  
1-24 adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

1-25 SUBCHAPTER D. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE  
1-26 FOR FETAL DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY

1-27 Sec. 32.071. DESIGNATION OF CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR FETAL  
1-28 DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY. (a) The department, in consultation with  
1-29 the Perinatal Advisory Council established under Section 241.187,  
1-30 shall designate as centers of excellence for fetal diagnosis and  
1-31 therapy one or more health care entities in this state that provide  
1-32 comprehensive maternal, fetal, and neonatal health care for  
1-33 pregnant women with high-risk pregnancies complicated by one or  
1-34 more fetuses with anomalies, with genetic conditions, or with  
1-35 compromise caused by a pregnancy condition or by exposure.

1-36 (b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
1-37 Services Commission, in consultation with the department and the  
1-38 Perinatal Advisory Council, shall adopt the rules necessary for a  
1-39 health care entity in this state to be designated as a center of  
1-40 excellence for fetal diagnosis and therapy.

1-41 Sec. 32.072. SUBCOMMITTEE. (a) The department, in  
1-42 consultation with the Perinatal Advisory Council, shall appoint a  
1-43 subcommittee of that advisory council to advise the advisory  
1-44 council and the department on the development of rules related to  
1-45 the designations made by the department under this subchapter. As  
1-46 part of its duties under this subsection, the subcommittee  
1-47 specifically shall advise the advisory council and the department  
1-48 regarding the criteria necessary for a health care entity in this  
1-49 state to receive a designation under this subchapter.

1-50 (b) The subcommittee must consist of individuals with  
1-51 expertise in fetal diagnosis and therapy. A majority of the members  
1-52 of the subcommittee must practice in those areas in a health  
1-53 profession in this state. The subcommittee may include national and  
1-54 international experts.

1-55 Sec. 32.073. PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS FOR CENTER  
1-56 DESIGNATIONS. The rules adopted under Section 32.071(b) must  
1-57 prioritize awarding a designation under this subchapter to a health  
1-58 care entity that:

1-59 (1) offers fetal diagnosis and therapy through an  
1-60 extensive multi-specialty clinical program that is affiliated and  
1-61 collaborates extensively with a medical school in this state and an

2-1 associated hospital facility that provides advanced maternal and  
2-2 neonatal care in accordance with the rules established under  
2-3 Section 241.183(a)(1);  
2-4 (2) demonstrates a significant commitment to research  
2-5 in and advancing the field of fetal diagnosis and therapy;  
2-6 (3) offers advanced training programs in fetal  
2-7 diagnosis and therapy; and  
2-8 (4) integrates an advanced fetal care program with a  
2-9 program that provides appropriate long-term monitoring and  
2-10 follow-up care for patients.

2-11 Sec. 32.074. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGNATION. The rules  
2-12 adopted under Section 32.071(b) must ensure that a designation  
2-13 under this subchapter is based directly on a health care entity's  
2-14 ability to:

2-15 (1) implement and maintain a cohesive  
2-16 multidisciplinary structure for its health care team;

2-17 (2) monitor short-term and long-term patient  
2-18 diagnostic and therapeutic outcomes; and

2-19 (3) provide to the department annual reports  
2-20 containing aggregate data on short-term and long-term diagnostic  
2-21 and therapeutic outcomes as requested or required by the department  
2-22 and make those reports available to the public.

2-23 SECTION 2. (a) The executive commissioner of the Health and  
2-24 Human Services Commission shall adopt the rules required by Section  
2-25 32.071, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, not later than  
2-26 March 1, 2018.

2-27 (b) Not later than September 1, 2018, the Department of  
2-28 State Health Services shall begin awarding designations required by  
2-29 Subchapter D, Chapter 32, Health and Safety Code, as added by this  
2-30 Act, to health care entities establishing eligibility under that  
2-31 subchapter.

2-32 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

2-33

\* \* \* \* \*