

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 1928
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Border Security; April
 1-4 21, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable committee substitute
 1-5 to Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations;
 1-6 April 23, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-7 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 23, 2015,
 1-8 sent to printer.)

1-9 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1928 By: Lucio

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the rulemaking authority of the Health and Human
 1-22 Services Commission to provide for the placement of refugees in
 1-23 this state.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 531.041, Government Code, is amended to
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 531.041. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The
 1-28 commission has all the powers and duties necessary to administer
 1-29 this chapter.

1-30 (b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules for
 1-31 gathering and considering community input on the local refugee
 1-32 placement reporting requirements for the United States refugee
 1-33 resettlement program.

1-34 (1) The rules must, at a minimum, require the local
 1-35 volunteer agencies to take the following actions:

1-36 (a) convene and conduct quarterly refugee
 1-37 placement consultations with state and local government and
 1-38 community stakeholders regarding proposed refugee placement;

1-39 (b) obtain feedback on the proposed refugee
 1-40 placement from community stakeholders including but not limited to
 1-41 city, county, and state officials; local health care systems; local
 1-42 school districts; and local law enforcement agencies; and major
 1-43 employers of refugees;

1-44 (c) consider all feedback obtained prior to
 1-45 releasing the annual proposed refugee placement report for the
 1-46 United States Department of State's Reception and Placement (R&P)
 1-47 program;

1-48 (d) develop a final refugee placement report for
 1-49 the national voluntary agencies and Health and Human Services
 1-50 Commission and include a summary of how stakeholder input
 1-51 contributed to the final request; and

1-52 (e) inform all community stakeholders, as
 1-53 described in Subsection (b), of the annual proposed refugee
 1-54 placement report.

1-55 SECTION 2. Not later than May 1, 2016, the Health and Human
 1-56 Services executive Commissioner shall adopt the rules as provided
 1-57 by Section 531.041(b), Government Code, as added by this Act.

1-58 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-59 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-60 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-2 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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