

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1681  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; April 26, 2017, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;  
 1-4 April 26, 2017, rereferred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
 1-5 Relations; May 3, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 2;  
 1-7 May 3, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Bettencourt		X		
1-11 Campbell			X	
1-12 Garcia	X			
1-13 Huffines	X			
1-14 Menéndez	X			
1-15 Taylor of Collin		X		

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1681 By: Campbell

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

1-20 relating to the establishment of the Communicable Disease and  
 1-21 Public Health Center.

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

1-23 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:

- 1-24 (1) address the communicable disease and public health  
 1-25 challenges of the international border region;
- 1-26 (2) develop a unified message that will enable this  
 1-27 state to:

- 1-28 (A) maximize the use of local resources;
- 1-29 (B) increase efficiency and reduce duplication  
 1-30 of staff resources; and

- 1-31 (C) strengthen collaboration with local  
 1-32 governmental entities; and

- 1-33 (3) foster a greater local and regional capacity to  
 1-34 address the diseases and allow the border region and this state to  
 1-35 capitalize on the expertise and insight of local health  
 1-36 professionals and departments to better serve the border  
 1-37 communities and region and this state.

1-38 SECTION 2. Chapter 81, Health and Safety Code, is amended by  
 1-39 adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

1-40 SUBCHAPTER K. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER

1-41 Sec. 81.451. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "center"  
 1-42 means the Communicable Disease and Public Health Center established  
 1-43 under this subchapter.

1-44 Sec. 81.452. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO ESTABLISH  
 1-45 CENTER. The department may enter into a memorandum of  
 1-46 understanding with a county located on an international border that  
 1-47 has a population of at least 700,000 and that has as its county seat  
 1-48 a municipality with a population of less than 100,000 to establish  
 1-49 and jointly operate a Communicable Disease and Public Health  
 1-50 Center.

1-51 Sec. 81.453. DONATION OF LAND. The governing body of a  
 1-52 county described by Section 81.452, or a municipality, institution  
 1-53 of higher education, community organization, or health care  
 1-54 provider in that county, may donate real property to the department  
 1-55 for the center. The donation may be in fee simple or otherwise.

1-56 Sec. 81.454. ASSISTANCE FROM CERTAIN ENTITIES. The local  
 1-57 health department of a county that enters into a memorandum of  
 1-58 understanding under Section 81.452 may seek the assistance of a  
 1-59 municipality, institution of higher education, community  
 1-60 organization, or health care provider in the local health

2-1 department's jurisdiction to establish and operate the center.  
2-2 Sec. 81.455. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER.  
2-3 (a) The governing body of a county described by Section 81.452 may  
2-4 enter into an agreement with a municipality, institution of higher  
2-5 education, community organization, or health care provider in that  
2-6 county to:  
2-7 (1) provide a central repository of vector control  
2-8 resources for municipalities in a county described by Section  
2-9 81.452 and counties adjacent to that county;  
2-10 (2) develop local surveillance, outreach, and  
2-11 response campaigns to address communicable disease and potential  
2-12 vectors of communicable disease;  
2-13 (3) provide local, regional, and international  
2-14 health-related briefings;  
2-15 (4) cooperate with local, regional, state, and  
2-16 international officials to:  
2-17 (A) increase environmental awareness to reduce  
2-18 sources for vector development; and  
2-19 (B) develop recommendations for implementing  
2-20 nuisance abatement policies;  
2-21 (5) with the assistance of appropriate authorities,  
2-22 facilitate any necessary method of vector control, including  
2-23 trapping, adulticiding, and larviciding of vector populations  
2-24 along the international border;  
2-25 (6) provide to health care professionals current  
2-26 information, including health advisories and guidance with  
2-27 communicable disease case management, regarding communicable  
2-28 disease and potential vectors of communicable disease;  
2-29 (7) in cooperation with state, federal, and  
2-30 international partners, educate and provide health care screenings  
2-31 to populations at high risk of contracting a communicable disease  
2-32 that are traditionally difficult to contact, including individuals  
2-33 not lawfully present in the United States; and  
2-34 (8) facilitate information sharing between local and  
2-35 state entities.  
2-36 (b) A local campaign developed under Subsection (a)(2) must  
2-37 be in both English and Spanish.  
2-38 (c) The center may serve as a call center for concerns  
2-39 regarding communicable disease and public health along the  
2-40 international border.  
2-41 (d) A local health department in each county immediately  
2-42 adjacent to an international border shall report to the center  
2-43 information regarding:  
2-44 (1) incidents of communicable disease in the county;  
2-45 (2) public health challenges in the county; and  
2-46 (3) any other public health or communicable disease  
2-47 issue, as required by the department.  
2-48 (e) The local health department of a county that enters into  
2-49 a memorandum of understanding under Section 81.452 shall:  
2-50 (1) collaborate with the local health department of  
2-51 each adjoining county; and  
2-52 (2) meet with a representative of each local health  
2-53 department described by Subdivision (1) to discuss the health  
2-54 status of each county and address the occurrence and control of  
2-55 communicable disease in each county.  
2-56 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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