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1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1120 By: Perry

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

1-21 relating to health professional continuing education to address
1-22 communicable and other diseases in border counties.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 81, Health and Safety Code, is amended by
1-25 adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

1-26 SUBCHAPTER K. HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION TO ADDRESS
1-27 COMMUNICABLE AND OTHER DISEASES IN BORDER COUNTIES

1-28 Sec. 81.451. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-29 (1) "Community health worker" has the meaning assigned
1-30 by Section 48.001.

1-31 (2) "Health professional" means an individual whose:

1-32 (A) vocation or profession is directly or
1-33 indirectly related to the maintenance of the health of another
1-34 individual; and

1-35 (B) duties require a specified amount of formal
1-36 education and may require a special examination, certificate or
1-37 license, or membership in a regional or national association.

1-38 (3) "HIV" means human immunodeficiency virus.

1-39 Sec. 81.452. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
1-40 applies only to a county adjacent to the international border with
1-41 Mexico.

1-42 Sec. 81.453. HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION.

1-43 (a) To the extent funds are available, the department, in
1-44 collaboration with health authorities, local health departments,
1-45 and public health districts, shall provide to community health
1-46 workers, health professionals, and applicable employees of a local
1-47 health department or public health district continuing education
1-48 designed to reduce the incidence of communicable and other diseases
1-49 in counties described by Section 81.452.

1-50 (b) The continuing education described by Subsection (a)
1-51 may address:

1-52 (1) the diagnosis and treatment of communicable and
1-53 other diseases, including:

1-54 (A) tuberculosis, tuberculosis meningitis,
1-55 multidrug resistant tuberculosis, and tuberculosis and HIV
1-56 coinfections;

1-57 (B) sexually transmitted diseases and HIV; and

1-58 (C) liver diseases;

1-59 (2) methods for increasing pediatric and adult
1-60 immunization rates;

2-1 (3) strategies for improving health care system
2-2 operations related to public health, including identifying,
2-3 monitoring, tracking, and responding to communicable and other
2-4 diseases occurring in the counties described by Section 81.452; and

2-5 (4) any other matter that the department determines
2-6 will assist health professionals, local health departments, and
2-7 public health districts with addressing public health challenges
2-8 existing in those counties.

2-9 (c) The department shall identify and assess the
2-10 accessibility of continuing education resources and programs for
2-11 local health departments in counties described by Section 81.452
2-12 that may provide the continuing education described by this
2-13 section.

2-14 Sec. 81.454. FUNDING. (a) The department may solicit or
2-15 accept gifts, grants, or donations to fund health professional
2-16 continuing education under this subchapter.

2-17 (b) The department shall collaborate with state and federal
2-18 agencies, nonprofit organizations, public and private hospitals,
2-19 institutions of higher education, and the private sector to
2-20 identify, apply for, and solicit sources of funding for health
2-21 professional continuing education under this subchapter.

2-22 SECTION 2. The Department of State Health Services is
2-23 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
2-24 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If
2-25 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
2-26 purpose, the department may, but is not required to, implement a
2-27 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that
2-28 purpose.

2-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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