

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1122
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2019; March 7, 2019,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
1-4 Services; April 24, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 April 24, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Kolkhorst	X		
1-10	Perry	X		
1-11	Buckingham	X		
1-12	Campbell	X		
1-13	Flores	X		
1-14	Johnson	X		
1-15	Miles	X		
1-16	Powell	X		
1-17	Seliger	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1122 By: Perry

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

1-21 relating to the establishment of a sanitarian recruitment and
1-22 retention program in border counties for public health purposes.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 121, Health and Safety
1-25 Code, is amended by adding Section 121.0055 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 121.0055. SANITARIAN RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
1-27 PROGRAM IN BORDER COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a
1-28 local health unit, local health department, or public health
1-29 district that is:

1-30 (1) located in a county along the international border
1-31 with Mexico; and

1-32 (2) affiliated with the department under Section
1-33 121.005.

1-34 (b) To the extent funds are available, the department shall
1-35 develop a program under which the department:

1-36 (1) provides grants to local health units, local
1-37 health departments, and public health districts to improve
1-38 recruitment and retention of sanitarians registered under Chapter
1-39 1953, Occupations Code; and

1-40 (2) expands opportunities for training and
1-41 registration of sanitarians to improve disease response and prevent
1-42 foodborne, waterborne, vector-borne, and zoonotic diseases.

1-43 (c) The department shall administer the grant program
1-44 described by Subsection (b) in coordination with local health
1-45 units, local health departments, public health districts, and
1-46 appropriate state agencies, federal agencies, nonprofit
1-47 organizations, public and private hospitals, institutions of
1-48 higher education, and other private entities.

1-49 (d) The department may provide a grant under Subsection (b)
1-50 only in accordance with a contract between the department and the
1-51 recipient. The contract must include provisions under which the
1-52 department is granted sufficient control to ensure the public
1-53 purpose of improved public health is accomplished and the state
1-54 receives the return benefit.

1-55 (e) The department may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and
1-56 donations to operate the program established under this section.
1-57 The department shall coordinate with appropriate state agencies,
1-58 federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, public and private
1-59 hospitals, institutions of higher education, and other private
1-60 entities in identifying and soliciting funding to implement this

2-1 section.

2-2 SECTION 2. The Department of State Health Services is
2-3 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
2-4 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If
2-5 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
2-6 purpose, the department may, but is not required to, implement a
2-7 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that
2-8 purpose.

2-9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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