

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 1677
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2025; March 11, 2025,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
 1-4 Services; April 7, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 2;
 1-6 April 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1677 By: Perry

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

1-21 relating to a study on prevention and reduction of diabetes-related
 1-22 amputation.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. (a) In this Act:

1-25 (1) "Department" means the Department of State Health
 1-26 Services.

1-27 (2) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning
 1-28 assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

1-29 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
 1-30 designate an institution of higher education to conduct a study on
 1-31 the prevention and reduction of diabetes-related amputation, using
 1-32 existing institutional resources. The institution must have a
 1-33 Research Activity Designation: Research 1: Very High Research
 1-34 Spending and Doctorate Production under the 2025 Carnegie
 1-35 Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

1-36 (c) In conducting the study, the institution of higher
 1-37 education designated under Subsection (b) of this section shall:

1-38 (1) collaborate with the department;

1-39 (2) identify and examine information on amputations
 1-40 resulting from diabetes; and

1-41 (3) develop recommendations regarding:

1-42 (A) amputation prevention related to diabetic
 1-43 foot ulcers and peripheral artery disease;

1-44 (B) methods for increasing public awareness of
 1-45 diabetes-related amputation;

1-46 (C) best practices for reducing the number of
 1-47 amputations performed; and

1-48 (D) policy solutions for ensuring access to
 1-49 treatments to assist with preventing amputation, including:

1-50 (i) insurance coverage for therapies
 1-51 designed to treat diabetic foot ulcers, including topical oxygen
 1-52 therapy;

1-53 (ii) timely and equitable access to
 1-54 evidence-supported medical tools, technologies, and services to
 1-55 assist with the prevention of avoidable amputations;

1-56 (iii) methods to improve and incentivize
 1-57 quality care to avoid amputations when possible; and

1-58 (iv) methods to promote collaboration and
 1-59 cooperation among interested persons.

1-60 (d) In conducting the study, the institution of higher

2-1 education designated under Subsection (b) of this section shall
2-2 consult with the following individuals:
2-3 (1) the commissioner of state health services;
2-4 (2) a physician licensed in this state who specializes
2-5 in endocrinology;
2-6 (3) a nurse licensed in this state with expertise in
2-7 diabetes education;
2-8 (4) a vascular surgeon with expertise in amputation
2-9 prevention;
2-10 (5) a physician, physician assistant, or advanced
2-11 practice registered nurse with expertise in amputation prevention;
2-12 (6) a podiatrist with expertise in treating diabetic
2-13 foot ulcers;
2-14 (7) a podiatrist or vascular surgeon affiliated with
2-15 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
2-16 (8) a representative of a public health provider;
2-17 (9) at least three individuals diagnosed with diabetes
2-18 or who have experienced diabetes-related amputation;
2-19 (10) a representative of the American Diabetes
2-20 Association; and
2-21 (11) other individuals as the institution determines
2-22 necessary.
2-23 (e) Not later than September 1, 2026, the institution of
2-24 higher education designated under Subsection (b) of this section
2-25 shall prepare and submit to the department a report summarizing the
2-26 results of the study and containing recommendations for legislative
2-27 or other action. The department shall post the report on the
2-28 department's Internet website. The post must include:
2-29 (1) the information on which the institution's
2-30 determinations and recommendations are based; and
2-31 (2) the methodologies the institution used to conduct
2-32 the study.
2-33 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2027.
2-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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