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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Office for the Elimination of Health Disparities (OEHD) at the Texas Department of State Health Services addresses health disparities affecting the total population of Texas, especially addressing the needs of special and underserved populations. Most of the strategies and public health interventions are multi-year efforts and actual health status statistics rarely change over the course of a single year.

H.B. 2594 changes the OEHD reporting requirements from annually to biennially, which will ensure that OEHD has ample time to collect and provide accurate data in its reports.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 107.004, Health and Safety Code, to require the Health Disparities Task Force to submit the report required under this section biennially, rather than annually.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2005.