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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the creation of a strategic plan for expanding access to
- 3 long-acting reversible contraception.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:
- 6 (1) "Department" means the Department of State Health
- 7 Services.
- 8 (2) "Long-acting reversible contraception" means a
- 9 method of birth control that provides effective contraception for
- 10 an extended period without requiring user action. The term
- 11 includes an injection, intrauterine device, and subdermal
- 12 contraceptive implant.
- 13 (3) "Plan" means the long-acting reversible
- 14 contraception strategic plan established under this section.
- 15 (b) The department shall develop the long-acting reversible
- 16 contraception strategic plan to significantly reduce barriers to
- 17 patient access to long-acting reversible contraception. The plan
- 18 must include specific methods for accomplishing this goal.
- 19 (c) In developing the plan, the department shall
- 20 collaborate with the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and
- 21 Babies and may convene any necessary workgroup. The members of a
- 22 workgroup convened under this section may include:
- 23 (1) obstetricians;
- 24 (2) hospital personnel;

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- 1 (3) recipients of long-acting reversible
- 2 contraceptives;
- 3 (4) public advocates concerned with issues related to
- 4 long-acting reversible contraceptives;
- 5 (5) representatives of community-based and
- 6 faith-based organizations involved in providing education,
- 7 awareness, or support relating to long-acting reversible
- 8 contraceptives; and
- 9 (6) any other person the department determines has the
- 10 necessary knowledge or experience.
- 11 (d) In developing the plan, the department shall:
- 12 (1) identify barriers for Medicaid recipients and
- 13 those without health benefit plan coverage to access to a
- 14 long-acting reversible contraceptive, including specific barriers
- 15 related to:
- 16 (A) health care provider billing and
- 17 reimbursement procedures; and
- 18 (B) training of health care providers regarding
- 19 the provision of a long-acting reversible contraceptive;
- 20 (2) review potential costs, challenges, and benefits
- 21 of presumptive eligibility strategies and identify methods for
- 22 covering, defraying, or minimizing those costs;
- 23 (3) develop methods for creating partnerships with
- 24 public and private entities to increase public and provider
- 25 education and awareness concerning long-acting reversible
- 26 contraceptives; and
- 27 (4) make written recommendations to the legislature on

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- 1 policy changes and funding needed to implement the plan.
- 2 (e) Not later than December 31, 2018, the department shall
- 3 deliver to the governor and members of the legislature the plan
- 4 developed under this section and recommendations on quality
- 5 improvement and goal implementation related to the plan.
- 6 (f) This Act expires June 1, 2019.
- 7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 11 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.