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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee report) in Article II, following the appropriations to the Health and Human Services Commission (page II-33), by adding the following appropriately numbered rider and renumbering subsequent riders accordingly:

\_\_\_\_. Study on Language Accessibility. (a) Out of the funds appropriated above, the Health and Human Services Commission shall employ a language access coordinator to conduct an assessment of and identify gaps in non-English speakers' access to the health and human services programs administered by the commission and 2-1-1 services provided by the Texas Information and Referral Network.

(b) Not later than the first anniversary of the date the commission employs a language access coordinator, the coordinator shall conduct the assessment described by that subsection and submit to the executive commissioner a written report that:

(1) summarizes the findings of the assessment; and

(2) provides recommendations for increasing non-English speakers' access to health and human services programs and 2-1-1 services provided by the Texas Information and Referral Network throughout this state.