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MESSAGE

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto Senate Bill No. 424 of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, due to the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 424 requires the development of a statewide strategic health plan; however, the specific directions in this bill relate only to border health issues. I concur that these are issues that need the attention of the state. However, effective solutions should also involve the cooperation and the commitment of the United Mexican States. My disapproval of this bill is based upon the limited directives for the development of a strategic health plan and the failure to include a binational approach to developing the plan.

During the next fiscal year the Texas Department of Health will be undergoing a major reorganization. I will direct the department to develop proposals for the development of a state strategic health plan. The collection of the data directed in this bill is already a function of the respective agencies and should continue.

Since you remain gathered in regular session and continue to conduct formal business, I am delivering this disapproval message directly to you along with the official enrolled copy of the bill.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 26th day of May, 2001.

*Rick Perry*

Rick Perry  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

*Henry Cuellar*  
Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.  
Secretary of State

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