

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Chronic kidney disease affects more than two out of every 1,000 people in the United States. An estimated 33 million Americans have kidney disease. Nearly 44,000 Texans are receiving dialysis or have had a kidney transplant. The total number of Texans being treated with dialysis increased to six times the total number of Texans being treated with dialysis 25 years ago.

Kidney disease is a serious and rapidly growing health problem affecting millions of Texans who have diabetes, high blood pressure, or cardiovascular disease. Most persons are not diagnosed with chronic kidney disease until they have lost much of their kidney function. In the early stages, there may be no symptoms. The loss of function usually takes months or even years to occur. It may be so slow that symptoms do not occur until kidney function is less than one-tenth its normal ability.

There is no cure for chronic kidney disease. Untreated, the disease usually progresses to the final stage of chronic kidney disease, resulting in kidneys that no longer function, at which time the patient will need dialysis or a kidney transplant.

H.B. 3724 creates an early detection plan for prevention, early screening, diagnosis, and management of chronic kidney disease through national, state, and local partners.

H.B. 3724 amends current law relating to the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force.

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 98.003, Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapter 671 (H.B. 1373), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, as follows:

Sec. 98.003. DUTIES. Requires the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force (task force) to:

- (1) coordinate implementation of the state's cost-effective plan, rather than develop a cost-effective plan, for prevention, early screening, diagnosis, and management of chronic kidney disease for the state's population through national, state, and local partners; and
- (2) educate health care professionals on the use of clinical practice guidelines for screening, detecting, diagnosing, treating, and managing chronic kidney disease, its comorbidities, and complications based on the Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative Clinical Practice Guidelines for Chronic Kidney Disease, rather than develop a plan for surveillance and data analysis to assess the impact of chronic kidney disease.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 98.006, Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapter 671 (H.B. 1373), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, as follows:

Sec. 98.006. REPORT. Requires the task force, not later than January 1, 2013, rather than January 1, 2011, to submit its findings and recommendations to:

(1) the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives; and

(2) the presiding officers of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services and the Public Health Committee of the house of representatives, or the appropriate committees of the 82nd Legislature, rather than the 81st Legislature.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 98.009, Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapter 671 (H.B. 1373), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, as follows:

Sec. 98.009. EXPIRATION. Provides that the task force is abolished and this chapter expires on August 31, 2013, rather than September 1, 2011.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2011.