

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

According to the American Diabetes Association, 15.7 million Americans, or 5.9 percent of the country's population have diabetes. The Texas Department of Health estimates that, in 1998, 1.6 million Texans or 12 percent of the state's population had diabetes. Based on Texas death certificate data, diabetes contributed to 12,299 deaths in 1996 and was the sixth leading cause of death listed on Texas death certificates. Many people first become aware of the devastating effects of diabetes when they develop such complications as blindness, kidney disease, nerve damage, heart disease, and stroke. Many of the components associated with the disease are unknown and need further research. H.B. 2510 requires the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System to establish the Texas Tech Diabetes Research Center for the purposes of researching diabetes and other related factors associated with the disease.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the executive council advising the Texas-Mexico Border Health Coordination Office of The University of Texas-Pan American in SECTION 2 (Section 95.002, Health and Safety Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 110, Education Code, by adding Section 110.15, as follows:

Sec. 110.15. TEXAS TECH DIABETES RESEARCH CENTER.

SECTION 2. (a) Amends Title 2D, Health and Safety Code, by adding Chapter 95, as follows:

#### CHAPTER 95. ACANTHOSIS NIGRICANS SCREENING

Sec. 95.001. DEFINITIONS.

Sec. 95.002. ACANTHOSIS NIGRICANS EDUCATION AND SCREENING PROJECT.

Sec. 95.003. COMPLIANCE WITH SCREENING REQUIREMENTS.

Sec. 95.004. RECORDS; REPORTS.

(b) Provides that this section takes effect only if a specific appropriation for the implementation of this Act is provided in S.B. No. 1 (General Appropriations Act), Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001. Provides that if no specific appropriation is provided in S.B. No. 1, the General Appropriations Act, this section has no effect.

SECTION 3. Requires the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System to establish the Texas Tech Diabetes Research Center as provided by Section 110.15, Education Code, as added by

this Act, not later than January 1, 2003.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.