

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Type 1.5 diabetes, also known as latent autoimmune diabetes, often receives less attention than other types of diabetes, yet those affected by the disease face significant health risks.

Like other forms of diabetes, type 1.5 is a chronic disorder that impairs the body's ability to process blood sugar, which can lead to severe complications without medical intervention. Type 1.5 is often considered to be a subgroup of type 1 diabetes and, like type 1, it occurs when the pancreas fails to produce an adequate supply of insulin.

Type 1.5 diabetes is slow progressing, typically developing over a period of a few months to several years. It primarily affects adults above age 30, in contrast to type 1, which usually first appears during childhood or adolescence. The pancreas of a patient with type 1.5 will eventually lose the ability to produce insulin entirely, requiring reliance on insulin injections.

Treatment of type 1.5 diabetes is often complicated by misdiagnosis, with the disease frequently being mistaken for the more common type 2 diabetes. This delays proper care and increases the risk of long-term complications. Medications and lifestyle changes that are generally effective at treating type 2 do little to help people with type 1.5, who often become dependent on insulin therapy within five years of diagnosis.

Increasing public knowledge of type 1.5 diabetes can help to ensure that more patients receive the timely care that they need, and the observance of Type 1.5 Diabetes Awareness Day serves to promote greater understanding of this serious condition.

### **RESOLVED**

That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate November 5 as Type 1.5 Diabetes Awareness Day.

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally passed by the legislature.