

rules adopted under state law concerning mobile food units and roadside food vendors in the same manner that the county or municipality enforces other health and safety regulations relating to food service.

Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1288 (H.B. 2507), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2005.

Sec. 121.004. LOCAL HEALTH UNITS. A local health unit is a division of municipal or county government that provides public health services but does not provide each service listed under Section 121.006(d) or required of a public health district under Section 121.043(a).

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989.

Amended by:

Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1 (S.B. 219), Sec. 3.0363, eff. April 2, 2015.

Sec. 121.005. STATE AND LOCAL AFFILIATION; CONTRACTS. (a) A local health unit, local health department, or public health district may become affiliated with the department to facilitate the exchange of information and the coordination of public health services.

(b) To be affiliated with the department, a local health unit, local health department, or public health district must annually provide to the department information relating to:

- (1) services provided;
- (2) staffing patterns; and
- (3) funding sources and budget.

(c) The department may contract with a local health unit, local health department, or public health district for the provision of public health services.

(d) The executive commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989.

Amended by:

Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1 (S.B. 219), Sec. 3.0364, eff. April 2, 2015.

Sec. 121.006. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FEES; STATE SUPPORT. (a) The governing body of a municipality, the commissioners court of a county, or

the administrative board of a public health district may adopt ordinances or rules to charge fees for public health services.

(b) A municipality, county, or public health district may not deny public health services to an individual because of inability to pay for the services. A municipality, county, or public health district shall provide for the reduction or waiver of a fee for an individual who cannot pay for services in whole or in part.

(c) Chapter 783, Government Code, and standards adopted under that chapter control, if applicable, if the local health unit, local health department, or public health district receives state support for the provision of public health services.

(c-1) A fee for a public health service charged in the jurisdiction of a public health district may be uniform throughout the district regardless of which governmental entity member of the district charges the fee. The fee may be set at an amount up to the highest amount charged by any governmental entity member of the district.

(d) In this section, "public health services" means:

- (1) personal health promotion and maintenance services;
- (2) infectious disease control and prevention services;
- (3) environmental and consumer health programs;
- (4) public health education and information services;
- (5) laboratory services; and
- (6) administrative services.

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989.

Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 810 (S.B. 1380), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2007.

Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1 (S.B. 219), Sec. 3.0365, eff. April 2, 2015.

Sec. 121.0065. GRANTS FOR ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. (a) Subject to the availability of funds, the department shall administer a program under which appropriated money may be granted to counties, municipalities, public health districts, and other political subdivisions for use by the counties, municipalities, public health districts, and other political subdivisions to provide or pay for essential public health services.

(b) The grants authorized by Subsection (a) shall be distributed equally between urban and rural areas of the state.