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H.B. No. 591

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of public
3 school students.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 38.001, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) Each student shall be fully immunized against
8 bacterial meningitis, except as provided by Subsection (c). To
9 satisfy the requirement of this subsection, a student must show
10 proof of a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine and a
11 booster dose of that vaccine in accordance with the recommended
12 immunization schedule adopted by the Department of State Health
13 Services, as well as any additional vaccine recommended for the
14 prevention of bacterial meningitis by the federal Centers for
15 Disease Control and Prevention. The executive commissioner of the
16 Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules for the
17 implementation of this subsection.

18 SECTION 2. Not later than June 1, 2022, the executive
19 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
20 adopt the rules necessary to implement Section 38.001(a-1),
21 Education Code, as added by this Act.

22 SECTION 3. Section 38.001(a-1), Education Code, as added by
23 this Act, applies beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.