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H.B. No. 780

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a bone marrow donor recruitment program.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 53 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 53. BONE MARROW DONOR RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

Sec. 53.001. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM. (a) The department shall establish a bone marrow donor recruitment program to educate residents of this state about:

(1) the need for bone marrow donors, including the particular need for donors from minority populations;

(2) the requirements for registering with the federally authorized bone marrow donor registry established and maintained as required by 42 U.S.C. Section 274k as a potential bone marrow donor, including procedures for determining an individual's tissue type;

(3) the medical procedures an individual must undergo to donate bone marrow or other sources of blood stem cells; and

(4) the availability of information about bone marrow donation in health care facilities, blood banks, and driver's license offices.

(b) The department, in consultation with the federally authorized bone marrow donor registry established and maintained as

1 required by 42 U.S.C. Section 274k and the registry's interested
2 contracted network partners, shall develop written and electronic
3 informational materials, including links to Internet websites and
4 machine-readable codes, regarding:

5 (1) bone marrow donation; and

6 (2) the process of registering with the federally
7 authorized bone marrow donor registry.

8 (c) The federally authorized bone marrow donor registry, in
9 collaboration with the registry's interested contracted network
10 partners, may develop and provide the informational materials
11 described by Subsection (b) to the department.

12 (d) The department and the Department of Public Safety shall
13 post the information described by Subsection (b) on each agency's
14 respective Internet websites.

15 (e) Appropriate health care facilities, blood banks, and
16 driver's license offices may access the informational materials
17 described by Subsection (b) on the Internet websites of the
18 department and the Department of Public Safety and print the
19 materials to place in their facilities, banks, or offices to
20 provide to residents of this state.

21 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
22 of this Act, the Department of State Health Services shall
23 establish the program and obtain the informational materials as
24 required by Section 53.001, Health and Safety Code, as added by this
25 Act.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.