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S.B. No. 239

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of educational materials regarding disease prevention during a disaster.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.1861 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.1861. DISEASE PREVENTION INFORMATION SYSTEM. (a)

The Department of State Health Services shall develop and implement a disease prevention information system for dissemination of immunization information during a declared state of disaster or local state of disaster.

(b) During a declared state of disaster or local state of disaster, the Department of State Health Services shall ensure that educational materials regarding immunizations are available to local health authorities in this state for distribution to:

(1) public schools;

(2) child-care facilities as defined by Section 42.002, Human Resources Code; and

(3) community centers offering youth services and programs.

(c) The educational materials must include:

(1) the most recent immunization schedules by age as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

(2) locations, if any, of local health care providers

1 that offer immunizations.

2 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable, but not later than August
3 31, 2022, the Department of State Health Services shall implement
4 the disease prevention information system as required by Section
5 418.1861, Government Code, as added by this Act.

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