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S.B. No. 464

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reports on deaths from reportable and other communicable diseases to county health authorities and health departments.

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

SECTION 1. Section 81.045, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) If the department provides to a health authority, who serves in that office part-time as described by Section 121.0245, information on a death from a reportable or other communicable disease reported to the department under this section, the department shall also provide the information to the director of the local health department for the county served by the health authority.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 121, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 121.0245 to read as follows:

Sec. 121.0245. DUTIES OF PART-TIME HEALTH AUTHORITY. (a) If a physician appointed to serve as health authority for a county serves in that office part-time, the physician may:

(1) coordinate with the director of the local health department for the county in the performance of the duties imposed by Section 121.024(c)(3); and

(2) notify the department that the physician serves part-time in the office of health authority for the county.

1 (b) If the department provides information to a physician
2 who serves part-time as health authority for a county, the
3 department shall also provide the information to the director of
4 the local health department for the county.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.