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H.B. No. 3721

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition on COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 161.0015 to read as follows:

Sec. 161.0015. PROHIBITED COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATES. (a) The state or a political subdivision of this state, including a public school district, an open-enrollment charter school, or public health authority may not implement, order, or otherwise impose a mandate requiring an individual to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a health care facility owned or operated by a political subdivision of this state may require an employee or applicant for employment to provide documentation certifying the employee's or applicant's COVID-19 vaccination to be employed by the facility.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.