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S.B. No. 411

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring public institutions of higher education to make available to students certain pregnancy-related informational materials published by the Department of State Health Services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9196 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9196. REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS RELATED TO PREGNANCY RESOURCES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(2) "QR code" has the meaning assigned by Section 443.001, Health and Safety Code.

(b) The student health center of each institution of higher education shall:

(1) make available at no cost to students the informational materials described by Section 171.014, Health and Safety Code, in a printed format; and

(2) post in a conspicuous location at the student health center a sign containing a QR code that may be scanned and that leads to the Internet website described by Section 171.014(e), Health and Safety Code.

(c) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission by rule shall prescribe the design and content

1 of the sign required to be posted under this section.

2           SECTION 2. Not later than January 15, 2024, the executive  
3 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
4 adopt rules as required by Section 51.9196(c), Education Code, as  
5 added by this Act.

6           SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2024 spring  
7 semester.

8           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.