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S.B. No. 1249

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a living organ donor education 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 54 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 54. LIVING ORGAN DONOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sec. 54.001. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM. The department shall establish a living organ donor education program to educate residents of this state about:

(1) the need for living organ donors, including the particular need for donors from minority populations;

(2) the partnership between the Glenda Dawson Donate Life Texas Registry for deceased organ donation, maintained by Donate Life Texas, and other organ donor registries for living organ donation;

(3) the requirements for registering as a potential living organ donor;

(4) the medical screening and procedures necessary for an individual to be a living organ donor; and

(5) the availability of information about living organ donation in health care facilities, transplant centers, organ procurement organizations, tissue banks, eye banks, and driver's license offices.

1       Sec. 54.002. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS. (a) The department,  
2 in consultation with Donate Life Texas, shall develop written and  
3 electronic informational materials, including links to Internet  
4 websites and machine-readable codes, regarding:

5               (1) living organ donation; and

6               (2) the process of registering with a living donor  
7 registry.

8       (b) Donate Life Texas may develop and provide the  
9 informational materials described by Subsection (a) to the  
10 department.

11       (c) The department and the Department of Public Safety shall  
12 post the information described by Subsection (a) on each of the  
13 agency's Internet websites.

14       (d) Appropriate health care facilities, transplant centers,  
15 organ procurement organizations, tissue banks, eye banks, and  
16 driver's license offices may access the informational materials  
17 described by Subsection (a) on the Internet websites of the  
18 department and the Department of Public Safety and print the  
19 materials to place in their facilities or offices to provide to  
20 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 Chapter 54, Health and Safety Code, as added by this  
25 Act.

26       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.