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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. (a) 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 requirements for registering with the National Donate Life Living Donor Registry through Donate Life America as a potential living organ donor;

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

(4) 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.

(b) The department, in consultation with Donate Life America, shall develop written and electronic informational materials, including links to Internet websites and

1 machine-readable codes, regarding:

2 (1) living organ donation; and

3 (2) the process of registering with the National
4 Donate Life Living Donor Registry.

5 (c) Donate Life America may develop and provide the
6 informational materials described by Subsection (b) to the
7 department.

8 (d) The department and the Department of Public Safety shall
9 post the information described by Subsection (b) on each of the
10 agency's Internet websites.

11 (e) Appropriate health care facilities, transplant centers,
12 organ procurement organizations, tissue banks, eye banks, and
13 driver's license offices may access the informational materials
14 described by Subsection (b) on the Internet websites of the
15 department and the Department of Public Safety and print the
16 materials to place in their facilities or offices to provide to
17 residents of this state.

18 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
19 of this Act, the Department of State Health Services shall
20 establish the program and obtain the informational materials as
21 required by Section 54.001, Health and Safety Code, as added by this
22 Act.

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