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H.B. No. 4535

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to COVID-19 vaccine administration requirements.

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 161.0086 to read as follows:

Sec. 161.0086. COVID-19 VACCINATION ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. (a) In this section:

(1) "COVID-19" means the 2019 novel coronavirus disease.

(2) "Health care provider" means an individual licensed or otherwise authorized by this state to administer vaccines.

(b) Before administering a COVID-19 vaccination to an individual, a health care provider must obtain the individual's written informed consent, or if the individual is a minor or lacks the mental capacity to provide informed consent, the parent, guardian, or conservator who may provide written informed consent on the individual's behalf. The informed consent required under this section must include an acknowledgment that the individual providing informed consent received the information sheet described by Subsection (c).

(c) The department shall develop a standardized information sheet that includes information on:

(1) the risks associated with COVID-19 vaccination,

1 including potential side effects;

2 (2) the expedited manner in which the COVID-19 vaccine
3 was developed;

4 (3) whether long-term scientific studies have been
5 performed on the COVID-19 vaccine;

6 (4) whether manufacturers of the COVID-19 vaccine are
7 subject to civil liability for any injuries caused by the vaccine;
8 and

9 (5) the federal Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting
10 System, including clear instructions for reporting any
11 vaccine-related injury or reaction.

12 (d) The appropriate licensing authority may impose
13 disciplinary action on a health care provider who administers a
14 COVID-19 vaccination in violation of this section in the same
15 manner and using the same procedures as the authority uses to impose
16 disciplinary action on a provider who violates the authority's
17 licensing or other regulatory laws or rules.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.