

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current Texas law does not address the need for educating individuals regarding anatomical gifts. S.B. 160 requires the Texas Department of Health to develop a program to educate health care providers and attorneys on human organ donation and encourages medical and nursing schools to include organ donation education classes in their curriculum.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 49, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 49.002, as follows:

Section 49.002. EDUCATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND ATTORNEYS.

- (a) Requires the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to develop an educational program regarding anatomical gifts for health care providers and attorneys in Texas.
- (b) Requires TDH through the program to encourage attorneys to provide to individuals seeking legal counsel for end-of-life decisions organ donation information.
- (c) Requires TDH to encourage medical and nursing schools in Texas to include mandatory organ donation education in their curricula.
- (d) Requires TDH to encourage medical schools in Texas to require a physician in either a neurology or neurosurgery residency program to complete an advanced course in organ donation education.
- (e) Requires TDH to implement the program only to the extent that certain factors are met.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.