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S.B. No. 160

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to education relating to human organ donation.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 49, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 49.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 49.002. EDUCATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND ATTORNEYS. (a) The department shall develop a program to educate health care providers and attorneys in this state regarding anatomical gifts.

(b) The department through the program shall encourage attorneys to provide organ donation information to clients seeking legal advice for end-of-life decisions.

(c) The department shall encourage medical schools and nursing schools in this state to include mandatory organ donation education in the schools' curriculums.

(d) The department shall encourage medical schools in this state to require a physician in a neurology or neurosurgery residency program to complete an advanced course in organ donation education.

(e) The department shall implement the program only to the extent that:

(1) funds are available from Section 521.421(g) or 521.422(c), Transportation Code;

(2) money or in-kind donations are donated to the

1 department for the purpose of implementing the program; or
2 (3) the legislature specifically appropriates money
3 from another source for the purpose of implementing the program.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.