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H.B. No. 2060

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to establishing a committee to study the influenza vaccine
3 shortage in this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Interim Joint Committee on Vaccine
6 Shortages is composed of the number of members determined by the
7 speaker of the house of representatives and the lieutenant governor
8 as follows:

9 (1) members of the house of representatives appointed
10 by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

11 (2) members of the senate appointed by the lieutenant
12 governor.

13 (b) The speaker and lieutenant governor shall jointly
14 select the presiding officer and assistant presiding officer of the
15 committee from among the committee members. The committee may
16 designate other officers as the committee considers appropriate.

17 (c) The committee shall conduct studies and make findings
18 and recommendations the committee considers appropriate regarding
19 issues related to the shortage of the influenza vaccine and other
20 vaccines in this state, including:

21 (1) the impact this state's policies have on the
22 vaccine supply; and

23 (2) any necessary modification of state policies to
24 ensure an adequate supply of all vaccines.

1 (d) The committee may request assistance and information,
2 other than confidential information relating to an identifiable
3 individual, from the Department of State Health Services or any
4 other state agency. The department and each agency shall provide
5 the assistance and information requested.

6 (e) The expenses of the committee, including the
7 compensation of any necessary staff, may be paid from any
8 appropriate funds of the house of representatives, the senate, or a
9 legislative agency. Any member, committee, or agency of the
10 legislature may provide staff support and other resources to the
11 committee. The legislature may appropriate money for the support
12 of the committee.

13 (f) The committee shall file a report of the committee's
14 activities, findings, and recommendations with the governor, the
15 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
16 representatives not later than December 1, 2006. The report shall
17 include any recommendations for legislative or administrative
18 action the committee considers appropriate.

19 (g) The committee is abolished and this section expires
20 January 1, 2007.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.