

AN ACT

relating to human papillomavirus education programs.

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 161.0107 to read as follows:

Sec. 161.0107. HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS; VACCINES EDUCATION MATERIALS. (a) The department, using existing resources, shall produce and distribute informational materials regarding vaccines against human papillomavirus that are approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for human use. The materials must include information relating to the effectiveness, availability, and contraindications of the vaccines. The materials must be available in English and in Spanish.

(b) The department shall collaborate with the Texas Cancer Council or its successor entity to develop educational programs for parents regarding human papillomavirus and promoting awareness of a minor's need for preventive services for cervical cancer and its precursors.

(c) The department shall develop and maintain an Internet website that targets the public and health care professionals and provides accurate, comprehensive information on all aspects of cervical cancer prevention, including vaccination against human papillomavirus.

SECTION 2. Chapter 163, Health and Safety Code, is amended

1 by adding Section 163.003 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 163.003. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL ELEMENTS REGARDING
3 HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS. Course materials and instruction relating to
4 sexually transmitted diseases must be available in English and in
5 Spanish and should include:

6 (1) the following specific information on human
7 papillomavirus:

8 (A) that sexual intercourse is not required to
9 become infected with human papillomavirus and that the avoidance of
10 skin-to-skin contact involving the genital areas offers the best
11 protection;

12 (B) that both males and females may be infected
13 with human papillomavirus and symptoms may not be present;

14 (C) that younger women are at greater risk of
15 human papillomavirus infection than older women; and

16 (D) that human papillomavirus may be transmitted
17 to an infant during childbirth;

18 (2) information regarding the role of human
19 papillomavirus in the development of genital warts, cervical
20 cancer, and other diseases; and

21 (3) information regarding the continuing need for
22 women to undergo Pap smear testing, even if they have received a
23 vaccination against human papillomavirus.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1379 was passed by the House on March 15, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1379 on May 1, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1379 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on April 26, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor