

1-1 By: Deshotel, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 1379
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 19, 2007;
1-3 April 2, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1379 By: Nelson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to human papillomavirus education programs.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 161, Health and Safety
1-13 Code, is amended by adding Section 161.0107 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 161.0107. HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS; VACCINES EDUCATION
1-15 MATERIALS. (a) The department, using existing resources, shall
1-16 produce and distribute informational materials regarding vaccines
1-17 against human papillomavirus that are approved by the United States
1-18 Food and Drug Administration for human use. The materials must
1-19 include information relating to the effectiveness, availability,
1-20 and contraindications of the vaccines. The materials must be
1-21 available in English and in Spanish.

1-22 (b) The department shall collaborate with the Texas Cancer
1-23 Council or its successor entity to develop educational programs for
1-24 parents regarding human papillomavirus and promoting awareness of a
1-25 minor's need for preventive services for cervical cancer and its
1-26 precursors.

1-27 (c) The department shall develop and maintain an Internet
1-28 website that targets the public and health care professionals and
1-29 provides accurate, comprehensive information on all aspects of
1-30 cervical cancer prevention, including vaccination against human
1-31 papillomavirus.

1-32 SECTION 2. Chapter 163, Health and Safety Code, is amended
1-33 by adding Section 163.003 to read as follows:

1-34 Sec. 163.003. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL ELEMENTS REGARDING
1-35 HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS. Course materials and instruction relating to
1-36 sexually transmitted diseases must be available in English and in
1-37 Spanish and should include:

1-38 (1) the following specific information on human
1-39 papillomavirus:

1-40 (A) that sexual intercourse is not required to
1-41 become infected with human papillomavirus and that the avoidance of
1-42 skin-to-skin contact involving the genital areas offers the best
1-43 protection;

1-44 (B) that both males and females may be infected
1-45 with human papillomavirus and symptoms may not be present;

1-46 (C) that younger women are at greater risk of
1-47 human papillomavirus infection than older women; and

1-48 (D) that human papillomavirus may be transmitted
1-49 to an infant during childbirth;

1-50 (2) information regarding the role of human
1-51 papillomavirus in the development of genital warts, cervical
1-52 cancer, and other diseases; and

1-53 (3) information regarding the continuing need for
1-54 women to undergo Pap smear testing, even if they have received a
1-55 vaccination against human papillomavirus.

1-56 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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