

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 2448

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to distribution of information regarding the child health
3 plan program to school children.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 62, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 62.060 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 62.060. NOTIFICATION TO FAMILIES OF SCHOOL-AGE
8 CHILDREN. (a) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human
9 Services Commission by rule shall develop a program to annually
10 distribute information regarding the child health plan program to
11 each child enrolled in a public or private primary or secondary
12 school in the state.

13 (b) The program must require the school to distribute to
14 each child enrolled in the school:

15 (1) information regarding the child health plan
16 program, including the eligibility requirements for the program;
17 and

18 (2) a form to be returned to the school that requires
19 the child's parent or guardian to:

20 (A) acknowledge that the parent or guardian is
21 aware of the child health plan program; and

22 (B) request or decline additional information
23 about the program.

24 (c) The program must require each school to remit the

1 completed forms to the commission. The commission shall provide to
2 each person who requests the information on the form submitted to
3 the school additional information about the child health plan
4 program.

5 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
6 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
7 Services Commission shall adopt rules to implement Section 62.060,
8 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.