

AN ACT

relating to educating parents about the benefits of immunizing certain children against influenza.

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

SECTION 1. Section 161.0101, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The department shall work to increase immunization awareness and participation among parents of children in child-care facilities, as defined by Section 42.002, Human Resources Code, in the state's early childhood vaccination program by publishing on the department's website information about the benefits of annual immunization against influenza for children aged six months to five years. The department shall work with the Department of Family and Protective Services and with child-care facilities to ensure that the information is annually distributed to parents in August or September.

SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 431, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 431.117 to read as follows:

Sec. 431.117. PRIORITY FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN DISTRIBUTION OF INFLUENZA VACCINE. The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall study the wholesale distribution of influenza vaccine in this state to determine the feasibility of implementing a system that requires giving a priority in filling orders for influenza vaccine to physicians and

1 other licensed health care providers authorized to administer
2 influenza vaccine over retail establishments. The executive
3 commissioner may implement such a system if it is determined to be
4 feasible.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3184 was passed by the House on May 11, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3184 on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3184 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor