

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a minimum data set for the collection of information on health professionals by the statewide health coordinating council.

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

SECTION 1. Section 105.003, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), (c-3), (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

(c) The Department of Information Resources, through TexasOnline and in consultation with the council and the Health Professions Council, shall add and label as "mandatory" the following fields on an application or renewal form for a license, certificate, or registration for a person subject to Subsection (c-2):

(1) full name and last four digits of social security number;

(2) full mailing address; and

(3) educational background and training, including basic health professions degree, school name and location of basic health professions degree, and graduation year for basic health professions degree, and, as applicable, highest professional degree obtained, related professional school name and location, and related graduation year ~~[At a minimum, the data collected by the council must include the following in regard to health~~

1 ~~professionals:~~

- 2 ~~[(1) their number and geographic distribution,~~
- 3 ~~[(2) licensure or certification status,~~
- 4 ~~[(3) specialty areas, if applicable, and~~
- 5 ~~[(4) trends or changes in license holders according to~~
- 6 ~~number or geographic distribution].~~

7 (c-1) The Department of Information Resources, through  
8 TexasOnline and in consultation with the council and the Health  
9 Professions Council, shall add the following fields on an  
10 application or renewal form for a license, certificate, or  
11 registration for a person subject to Subsection (c-2):

- 12 (1) date and place of birth;
- 13 (2) sex;
- 14 (3) race and ethnicity;
- 15 (4) location of high school;
- 16 (5) mailing address of primary practice;
- 17 (6) number of hours per week spent at primary practice  
18 location;
- 19 (7) description of primary practice setting;
- 20 (8) primary practice information, including primary  
21 specialty practice, practice location zip code, and county; and
- 22 (9) information regarding any additional practice,  
23 including description of practice setting, practice location zip  
24 code, and county.

25 (c-2) The following health professionals are subject to  
26 this section:

- 27 (1) audiologists;

- 1           (2) chiropractors;
- 2           (3) licensed professional counselors;
- 3           (4) licensed chemical dependency counselors;
- 4           (5) dentists;
- 5           (6) dental hygienists;
- 6           (7) emergency medical services personnel;
- 7           (8) marriage and family therapists;
- 8           (9) medical radiologic technologists;
- 9           (10) licensed vocational nurses;
- 10          (11) registered nurses;
- 11          (12) certified nurse aides;
- 12          (13) occupational therapists;
- 13          (14) optometrists;
- 14          (15) pharmacists;
- 15          (16) physical therapists;
- 16          (17) physicians;
- 17          (18) physician assistants;
- 18          (19) psychologists;
- 19          (20) social workers; and
- 20          (21) speech-language pathologists.

21           (c-3) The relevant members of the Health Professions  
22 Council shall encourage each person described by Subsection (c-2)  
23 licensed, certified, or registered under that council's authority  
24 to submit application and renewal information under Subsections (c)  
25 and (c-1) through the system developed by the Department of  
26 Information Resources and TexasOnline.

27           (f) The relevant members of the Health Professions Council,

1 in conjunction with the Department of Information Resources, shall  
2 ensure that the information collected under Subsections (c) and  
3 (c-1) is transmitted to the statewide health coordinating council.  
4 The council shall store the information as needed and conduct  
5 related workforce studies, including a determination of the  
6 geographical distribution of the reporting professionals.

7 (g) The relevant members of the Health Professions Council,  
8 in conjunction with the Department of Information Resources, shall  
9 ensure that the following information is submitted to the statewide  
10 health coordinating council for a person subject to Subsection  
11 (c-2):

12 (1) certification, registration, or license number;

13 (2) issuance date;

14 (3) method of certification, registration, or  
15 licensure; and

16 (4) certification, registration, or licensure status.

17 (h) The Department of Information Resources shall work with  
18 the health occupation regulatory agencies that are members of the  
19 Health Professions Council to minimize the costs to Health  
20 Professions Council members of obtaining the information under  
21 Subsections (c) and (c-1). The Department of Information Resources  
22 shall provide the Health Professions Council with the appropriate  
23 federal information processing standards code based on the  
24 information in Subsections (c-1)(8) and (9).

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect March 1, 2008.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 29 passed the Senate on April 26, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 24, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 29 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor