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S.B. No. 110

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to dissemination of information concerning immunization
against human papillomavirus.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
amended by adding Section 38.0026 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.0026. DISSEMINATION OF HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS
INFORMATION. (a) The agency shall prescribe procedures by which
each school district shall provide information to parents and
guardians of female students relating to the connection between
human papillomavirus and cervical cancer. The procedures must
ensure that the information is reasonably likely to come to the
attention of the parents or guardians of each female student.

(b) The information provided to parents and guardians in
Subsection (a) must be similar in form and content to the
information required under Section 161.0102, Health and Safety
Code.

(c) A school district, with the written consent of the
agency, may provide the information required by this section to its
students and their parents or guardians by a method different from
the method prescribed by the agency under Subsection (a) if the
agency determines that the method would be effective in bringing
the information to the attention of the parents or guardians of each
female student.

1 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 161, Health and Safety
2 Code, is amended by adding Section 161.0102 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 161.0102. INCREASE AWARENESS OF IMMUNIZATION AGAINST
4 HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS. (a) With existing resources, the
5 department shall collect and disseminate information to parents,
6 managing conservators, and guardians of female children relating to
7 the connection between human papillomavirus and cervical cancer
8 that is unbiased, medically and scientifically accurate, and peer
9 reviewed. The department shall prescribe the form and content of
10 the information.

11 (b) The information on the connection between human
12 papillomavirus and cervical cancer must cover:

13 (1) the risk factors for developing cervical cancer,
14 the symptoms of the disease, how it may be diagnosed, and its
15 possible consequences if untreated;

16 (2) the connection between human papillomavirus and
17 cervical cancer, how human papillomavirus is transmitted, how
18 transmission may be prevented, and the relative risk of contracting
19 human papillomavirus for primary and secondary school students;

20 (3) the availability and effectiveness of vaccination
21 against human papillomavirus and a brief description of the
22 possible side effects of vaccination; and

23 (4) sources of additional information regarding the
24 disease, including any appropriate office of a school district and
25 the appropriate office of the Department of State Health Services.

26 (c) The department shall increase coordination among public
27 and private local, regional, and statewide entities that have an

1 interest in providing information on the human papillomavirus
2 vaccine.

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