1-1 By: Ellis S.B. No. 1494 1-2 1-3 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2007; March 20, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 12, 2007, 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; 1-5 April 12, 2007, sent to printer.)

> A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to a notification requirement if a nurse is not assigned to a public school campus.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.021. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION CONCERNING NURSES. (a) A public school that does not have a full-time school nurse assigned to the campus for more than 30 consecutive instructional days during the same school year shall provide written notice of the absence of a nurse to the parent of or other person standing in parental relation to each student enrolled in the school.

(b) The principal of the school shall provide the notice required by Subsection (a) not later than the 30th instructional day after the first day the school does not have a full-time school nurse assigned to the campus.

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1-34 1-35 1-36 1-37 (c) The school shall:
(1) make a good faith effort to ensure that the notice required by this section is provided in a bilingual form to any parent or other person standing in parental relation whose primary language is not English; and

(2) retain a copy of any notice provided under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

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

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