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S.B. No. 1937

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of a school-based influenza
3 vaccination pilot program.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Department of State Health Services and
6 the Texas Education Agency shall jointly establish a school-based
7 influenza vaccination pilot program using both killed vaccine and
8 live attenuated vaccine in:

9 (1) a school district with a student population that
10 is at least 90 percent economically disadvantaged and is located in
11 a home-rule municipality with a population of more than 1.1 million
12 that relies on a sole source aquifer for more than 50 percent of the
13 municipality's water; and

14 (2) a rural school district.

15 (b) The Department of State Health Services shall convene a
16 working group to plan the school-based influenza vaccination pilot
17 program established under this section. The working group shall
18 include representatives from:

19 (1) the Texas Pediatric Society;

20 (2) the Texas Academy of Family Practice;

21 (3) a manufacturer of killed influenza vaccine;

22 (4) a manufacturer of live attenuated influenza
23 vaccine;

24 (5) each school district in which the pilot program

1 will operate;

2 (6) the Texas Education Agency; and

3 (7) the state Medicaid medical director.

4 (c) Not later than January 1, 2009, the Department of State
5 Health Services and the Texas Education Agency shall submit to the
6 governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
7 representatives, and presiding officers of each standing committee
8 of the legislature with jurisdiction over the department and the
9 agency a jointly written report containing the results and the
10 recommendations of the department and the agency to continue,
11 expand, or terminate the school-based influenza vaccination pilot
12 program.

13 (d) The Department of State Health Services and the Texas
14 Education Agency may seek, receive, and spend money received
15 through an appropriation, grant, donation, or reimbursement from
16 any public or private source to implement the school-based
17 influenza vaccination pilot program.

18 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2009.

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