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H.B. No. 4507

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting by the Department of State Health Services regarding services provided at school-based health centers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 38.063(g), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) The commissioner of public health shall require client surveys to be conducted in school-based health centers funded through grants awarded under this section~~[, and the results of those surveys must be included in the annual report required under Section 38.064]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 38.064, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 38.064. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. (a) Based on statistics obtained from every school-based health center in this state that receives funding through the Department of State Health Services, the Department of State Health Services ~~[commissioner of public health]~~ shall issue a biennial ~~[an annual]~~ report to the legislature about the ~~[relative efficacy of]~~ services delivered by the ~~[school-based health]~~ centers during the preceding two years ~~[and any increased academic success of students at campuses served by those centers, with special emphasis on any:~~

~~[(1) increased attendance,~~

~~[(2) decreased drop-out rates,~~

1 ~~[(3) improved student health; and~~

2 ~~[(4) improved performance on student assessment~~
3 ~~instruments administered under Subchapter B, Chapter 39].~~

4 (b) The report must address the extent to which the
5 services provided by the centers are considered by the Department
6 of State Health Services to have resulted in:

7 (1) improved school attendance by students with
8 chronic illnesses;

9 (2) increased student immunization rates; and

10 (3) increased student participation in preventive
11 health measures, including routine physical examinations and
12 checkups conducted in accordance with the Texas Health Steps
13 program ~~[In obtaining statistics for preparation of the report~~
14 ~~required by this section, the commissioner of public health shall~~
15 ~~ensure that data is collected for each county and aggregated~~
16 ~~appropriately according to geographical region].~~

17 (c) The Department of State Health Services may modify any
18 requirement imposed by this section if necessary to comply with
19 federal law regarding confidentiality of medical information.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.