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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT 2 relating to hepatitis B vaccination for students enrolled in 3 certain health-related courses of study at an institution of higher education. 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 5 6 SECTION 1. Section 51.933, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows: 7 8 (b-1) A rule adopted under Subsection (b) that requires a 9 hepatitis B vaccination for students must: (1) apply only to students enrolled in a course of 10 11 study that involves potential exposure to human or animal blood or 12 bodily fluids; and (2) <u>require each student to:</u> 13 14 (A) receive the first shot of a series of hepatitis B vaccine before the student begins the course of study; 15 16 and (B) continue the series of hepatitis B vaccine 17 18 while training or working and complete the series according to safety protocols adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and 19 Prevention of the United States Public Health Service. 20 21 SECTION 2. Not later than November 1, 2009, the executive 22 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules as required by Section 51.933(b-1), Education Code, as 23 24 added by this Act.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 5 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.