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S.B. No. 424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the establishment and implementation of school-based
3 influenza vaccination programs.

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 conduct a joint study of
7 school-based influenza vaccination programs.

8 (b) The Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group shall
9 establish within the working group a subcommittee composed of
10 representatives from:

- 11 (1) the Texas Pediatric Society;
- 12 (2) the Texas Academy of Family Physicians;
- 13 (3) the Texas Medical Association;
- 14 (4) the Texas Association of School Administrators;
- 15 (5) the Texas Association of School Boards;
- 16 (6) the Texas School Nurses Organization; and
- 17 (7) an entity with knowledge of best practices for the
18 effective use of state and local public health resources based on
19 information from other states that have implemented school-based
20 influenza vaccination programs.

21 (c) Members of the Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working
22 Group subcommittee shall make recommendations to the Department of
23 State Health Services and the Texas Education Agency regarding:

- 24 (1) the design of the survey instrument used to

1 collect data from schools with an influenza vaccination program
2 under Subsection (d)(2) of this section; and

3 (2) the content of the report required under
4 Subsection (e) of this section.

5 (d) The Department of State Health Services and the Texas
6 Education Agency shall:

7 (1) identify school districts in this state in which a
8 school-based influenza vaccination program has been conducted on or
9 after September 1, 2006;

10 (2) collect relevant data related to the programs,
11 including, when available:

12 (A) how an influenza vaccine was purchased or
13 obtained;

14 (B) a comparison of how insured and uninsured
15 students were managed under the program;

16 (C) the costs associated with administering the
17 program;

18 (D) for each school year that the program was
19 administered, the number of students, by grade level, that:

20 (i) were vaccinated, refused the vaccine,
21 or were not vaccinated; and

22 (ii) were enrolled in the school district;

23 (E) the number of school faculty and staff
24 vaccinated;

25 (F) student absentee rates during a school year
26 that the school district:

27 (i) administered a program; and

1 (ii) did not administer a program;

2 (G) the number of schools that closed due to
3 influenza or influenza-like illness and the number of days that
4 each school was closed;

5 (H) the nature and degree of involvement in the
6 implementation of a program of:

7 (i) a public health department;

8 (ii) other community resources; or

9 (iii) private health care providers; and

10 (I) whether the vaccinations were reported to the
11 immunization registry maintained by the Department of State Health
12 Services under Section 161.007, Health and Safety Code;

13 (3) identify best practices of a school district that
14 implemented a school-based influenza vaccination program; and

15 (4) identify barriers encountered by a school district
16 that implemented a school-based influenza program and how the
17 barriers were overcome.

18 (e) Not later than December 1, 2010, the Department of State
19 Health Services and the Texas Education Agency shall submit to the
20 governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
21 representatives, and presiding officer of each standing committee
22 of the legislature with jurisdiction over the department and the
23 agency a jointly written report, based on the study, that evaluates
24 the feasibility of implementing an annual statewide school-based
25 influenza vaccination program and that includes:

26 (1) an analysis of the costs and benefits of
27 implementing school-based influenza vaccination programs;

1 (2) identification of barriers to implementing
2 school-based influenza vaccination programs and recommendations
3 for removing those barriers;

4 (3) a projection of the fiscal impact of implementing
5 a statewide school-based influenza vaccination program;

6 (4) an analysis of the impact of the programs studied
7 on private practice physicians and health care providers who
8 administer influenza vaccinations in this state, based on the
9 programs studied;

10 (5) an analysis of the impact of a statewide
11 school-based influenza vaccination program on private practice
12 physicians and health care providers who administer influenza
13 vaccinations in this state and recommendations for how to overcome
14 any barriers; and

15 (6) the role of public health departments and
16 community resources in the administration of school-based
17 influenza vaccination programs.

18 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2011.

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, 2009.