

By: Van de Putte

S.B. No. 424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment and implementation of a school-based influenza vaccination pilot program.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Department of State Health Services and the Texas Education Agency shall jointly establish and implement for the 2009-2010 school year a school-based influenza vaccination pilot program using both killed vaccine and live attenuated vaccine in:

(1) a school district with a student population of 50,000 or more that is at least 85 percent economically disadvantaged and located in a home-rule municipality with a population of more than 1.1 million;

(2) a school district with a student population that is less than five percent economically disadvantaged and located in a municipality with a population of more than 600,000 and less than one million; and

(3) two school districts selected by the Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group including:

(A) one school district with a student population that is at least 90 percent economically disadvantaged and located in a county with a population of 50,000 or less; and

(B) one school district with a student population that is at least 90 percent economically disadvantaged and located

1 in a county on the international border.

2 (b) The Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group shall  
3 establish within the working group a pilot program subcommittee  
4 composed of representatives from:

5 (1) the Texas Pediatric Society;

6 (2) the Texas Academy of Family Physicians;

7 (3) each school district in which the pilot program  
8 will operate, after the selection of those districts under  
9 Subsection (a) of this section;

10 (4) the state Medicaid medical director; and

11 (5) each local health department that serves the  
12 geographic area in which a participating school district is  
13 located.

14 (c) Members of the Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working  
15 Group that do not serve on the pilot program subcommittee shall  
16 serve in an advisory role for the planning and implementation of the  
17 school-based influenza vaccination pilot program.

18 (d) The Department of State Health Services, the Texas  
19 Education Agency, and the pilot program subcommittee shall plan the  
20 school-based influenza vaccination pilot program established and  
21 implemented under this section.

22 (e) The Department of State Health Services, the Texas  
23 Education Agency, and the pilot program subcommittee shall:

24 (1) implement the school-based influenza vaccination  
25 pilot program in the school districts selected under Subsection (a)  
26 of this section for the 2009-2010 school year; and

27 (2) collect all relevant data related to the program

1 during the 2009-2010 school year.

2 (f) Not later than December 1, 2010, the Department of State  
3 Health Services and the Texas Education Agency shall submit to the  
4 governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of  
5 representatives, and presiding officers of each standing committee  
6 of the legislature with jurisdiction over the department and the  
7 agency a jointly written report on the implementation and results  
8 of the school-based influenza vaccination pilot program that  
9 includes:

10 (1) an analysis of the costs and benefits of  
11 implementing the school-based influenza vaccination pilot program  
12 in each school district listed by Subsection (a) of this section;

13 (2) identification of barriers to implementing the  
14 pilot program and recommendations for removing those barriers;

15 (3) a projection of the fiscal impact of implementing  
16 a statewide school-based influenza vaccination program; and

17 (4) an analysis of the pilot program's impact on  
18 private practice physicians who administer influenza vaccination  
19 in this state.

20 (g) The Department of State Health Services and the Texas  
21 Education Agency may seek, receive, and spend money received  
22 through an appropriation, grant, donation, or reimbursement from  
23 any public or private source to implement the school-based  
24 influenza vaccination pilot program.

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

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.