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H.B. No. 1816

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of
3 first-time students at public and private or independent
4 institutions of higher education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 51.9192(b), (c), and (e), Education
7 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (b) This section applies only to a first-time student of an
9 institution of higher education or private or independent
10 institution of higher education, including a transfer student [~~, who~~
11 ~~resides in, or has applied for on-campus housing and been approved~~
12 ~~to reside in, an on-campus dormitory or other on-campus student~~
13 ~~housing facility at the institution].~~

14 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a student to whom
15 this section applies or a parent or guardian of the student must
16 provide to the institution, at the time and in the manner prescribed
17 by rules adopted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board,
18 a certificate signed by a health practitioner evidencing that the
19 student has received a [~~been vaccinated against~~] bacterial
20 meningitis vaccination dose or booster during the five-year period
21 preceding the date established by the coordinating board under
22 Subsection (e).

23 (e) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in
24 consultation with institutions of higher education and private or

1 independent institutions of higher education, shall adopt rules for
2 the administration of this section, including rules establishing
3 the date by which a student who is required to comply with
4 Subsection (c) must have received the vaccination required by that
5 subsection, which may not be later than the 10th day before the
6 first day of the semester or other term in which the student
7 initially enrolls [~~the date the student initially moves into an~~
8 ~~on-campus dormitory or other on-campus student housing facility at~~
9 ~~an institution~~].

10 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
11 51.9192, Education Code, apply only to first-time students
12 enrolling in public or private or independent institutions of
13 higher education in this state on or after January 1, 2012.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.