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S.B. No. 1765

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reporting of health care-associated infections at health care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 98.103(a), (b), and (c), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A health care facility~~[, other than a pediatric and adolescent hospital,]~~ shall report to the department the incidence of surgical site infections, including the causative pathogen if the infection is laboratory-confirmed, occurring in the following procedures:

- (1) colon surgeries;
- (2) hip arthroplasties;
- (3) knee arthroplasties;
- (4) abdominal hysterectomies;
- (5) vaginal hysterectomies;
- (6) coronary artery bypass grafts; ~~[and]~~
- (7) vascular procedures; ~~[-]~~

~~(8) [(b) A pediatric and adolescent hospital shall report the incidence of surgical site infections, including the causative pathogen if the infection is laboratory-confirmed, occurring in the following procedures to the department:~~

~~[(1)] cardiac procedures, excluding thoracic cardiac procedures;~~

1 (9) [~~(2)~~] ventricular shunt procedures; and

2 (10) [~~(3)~~] spinal surgery with instrumentation.

3 (b) [~~(c)~~] A [~~general~~] hospital shall report the following
4 to the department:

5 (1) the incidence of laboratory-confirmed central
6 line-associated primary bloodstream infections, including the
7 causative pathogen, occurring in any special care setting in the
8 hospital; [~~and~~]

9 (2) the incidence of respiratory syncytial virus
10 occurring in any pediatric inpatient unit in the hospital; and

11 (3) the incidence of specific infections designated by
12 executive commissioner rule.

13 SECTION 2. (a) The executive commissioner of the Health and
14 Human Services Commission shall adopt rules as necessary to
15 implement Section 98.103, Health and Safety Code, as amended by
16 this Act, not later than January 1, 2014.

17 (b) Section 98.103, Health and Safety Code, as amended by
18 this Act, applies only to a report for an infection occurring on or
19 after the effective date of this Act. A report for an infection
20 occurring before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
21 law as it existed on the date the infection occurred, and that law
22 is continued in effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.