

Amend CSHB 2641 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 2, line 16, after "cost-effective." add, "(h) In this section, 'health care provider' and 'provider of health care services' includes a physician."

(2) Add a new SECTION to the bill, renumbering subsequent SECTIONS as appropriate, to read as follows:

SECTION _____. Section 161.0073(c), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A person required to report information to the department for registry purposes or authorized to receive information from the registry may not disclose the individually identifiable information of an individual to any other person without the written or electronic consent of the individual or the individual's legally authorized representative, except as provided by Sections 161.007, 161.00705, 161.00706, and 161.008, of this Code, Chapter 159, Occupations Code, or Section 602.053, Insurance Code.

(3) Add a new SECTION to the bill, renumbering subsequent SECTIONS as appropriate, to read as follows:

SECTION _____. Section 161.008, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding a new Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) At the request and with the authorization of the applicable health care provider, immunization history or data may be submitted to or obtained by the department through a health information exchange as defined by Section 182.151.

(4) On page 7, line 6, after "Class A misdemeanor." add, "Sec. 182.155. IMMUNITIES AND DEFENSES CONTINUED. Collecting, transmitting disseminating, accessing or reporting information through a health information exchange does not alone deprive a physician or health care provider of an otherwise applicable immunity or defense."

(5) On page 6, line 6, strike "161.008" and substitute "161.008(i)".