

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 2902

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to studies and reports on immunization exemptions.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.0028 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.0028. IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTIONS AND VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASE OUTBREAKS; REPORTING. (a) The Department of State Health Services, using the required annual report submitted by all schools under Section 38.002(c) and any other relevant resources, shall create a biennial report on vaccination exemptions and any outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

(b) The department shall make the report described by Subsection (a) available on the department's Internet website not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year.

SECTION 2. The Department of State Health Services shall post the initial report required by Section 38.0028, Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than December 1, 2016.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.