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S.B. No. 298

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of public
3 school students.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 38.001, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) Each student shall be fully immunized against
8 bacterial meningitis, except as provided by Subsection (c). To
9 satisfy the requirement of this subsection, a student must show
10 proof of a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine and a
11 booster dose in accordance with the recommended immunization
12 schedule adopted by the Department of State Health Services. The
13 executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
14 shall adopt rules for the implementation of this subsection.

15 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2015, the executive
16 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
17 adopt the rules necessary to implement Section 38.001(a-1),
18 Education Code, as added by this Act.

19 SECTION 3. Section 38.001(a-1), Education Code, as added by
20 this Act, applies beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect October 1, 2015.