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H.B. No. 2874

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to providing information regarding immunization  
3 requirements for admission to public elementary and secondary  
4 schools.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 38.019, Education Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsections (a) and (a-1) and adding Subsections (c) and  
8 (d) to read as follows:

9 (a) A school district that maintains an Internet website  
10 shall post prominently on the website:

11 (1) a list, in English and Spanish, of:

12 (A) the immunizations required for admission to  
13 public school by rules of the Department of State Health Services  
14 adopted under Section 38.001;

15 (B) any immunizations or vaccines recommended  
16 for public school students by the Department of State Health  
17 Services; and

18 (C) health clinics in the district that offer the  
19 influenza vaccine, to the extent those clinics are known to the  
20 district; and

21 (2) a direct link to the Department of State Health  
22 Services Internet website where a person may obtain information on  
23 exemptions from immunizations required for admission to an  
24 elementary or secondary school as provided by Section 38.001,

1 including [~~relating to~~] the procedures for claiming an exemption  
2 from the immunization requirements [~~of Section 38.001~~].

3 (a-1) The link to the Department of State Health Services  
4 Internet website provided under Subsection (a)(2) must be presented  
5 in the same manner, including the same font style and size, as the  
6 information provided under Subsection (a)(1).

7 (c) If a school district provides written notice or other  
8 written information relating to immunizations required for  
9 admission to an elementary or secondary school as provided by  
10 Section 38.001, the district shall include:

11 (1) specific information on exemptions from the  
12 required immunizations; and

13 (2) the direct link to the Department of State Health  
14 Services Internet website described by Subsection (a)(2).

15 (d) The information provided under Subsections (c)(1) and  
16 (2) must be presented in the same manner, including the same font  
17 style and size, as the other information provided on immunizations.

18 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018  
19 school year.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.