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S.B. No. 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to claiming an exemption from required immunizations for
3 public school students.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 161.0041(d), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (d) The department shall develop a blank affidavit form to
8 be used by a person claiming an exemption from a required
9 immunization and make that form available on the department's
10 Internet website and in all public schools [~~that contains a seal or~~
11 ~~other security device to prevent reproduction of the form~~]. The
12 affidavit form shall contain a statement indicating that the person
13 or, if a minor, the person's parent, managing conservator, or
14 guardian understands the benefits and risks of immunizations and
15 the benefits and risks of not being immunized.

16 SECTION 2. Sections 161.0041(c) and (e), Health and Safety
17 Code, are repealed.

18 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
19 of this Act, the Department of State Health Services shall modify
20 the existing affidavit form required by Section 161.0041, Health
21 and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

22 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
23 school year.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.