By:  Howard (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.B. No. 476

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COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Creighton       X

West            X

Bettencourt     X

Buckingham      X

Flores          X

Menéndez        X

Powell          X

Taylor          X

Watson          X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain duties of public institutions of higher education and the Department of State Health Services regarding policies on the use of epinephrine auto-injectors by public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 51.882, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(d)  Each institution of higher education that adopts a policy under Subsection (a):

(1)  must require that the institution's campuses have personnel or volunteers authorized and trained to administer an epinephrine auto-injector present; and

(2)  shall include the policy in the institution's student handbook or similar publication and publish the policy on the institution's Internet website.

(f)  An institution of higher education that adopts a policy under Subsection (a) shall submit to the Department of State Health Services a copy of the policy and any amendment to the policy adopted by the institution. The department shall maintain a record of the most recent policy and amendments submitted by each institution under this subsection and shall make that information available to the public on request.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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