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H.B. No. 316

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 316:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a public awareness campaign on firearm safety and
3 suicide prevention.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 411.210 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 411.210. FIREARM SAFETY AND SUICIDE PREVENTION PUBLIC
8 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. (a) The department, in conjunction with the
9 Department of State Health Services, the Parks and Wildlife
10 Department, and other appropriate agencies, shall develop and
11 implement a public awareness campaign designed to encourage firearm
12 safety and to improve public awareness on the topics of:

13 (1) prevention of firearm accidents involving
14 children;

15 (2) suicide prevention; and

16 (3) the safe handling and storage of firearms.

17 (b) In implementing the campaign, the department may engage
18 in online advocacy, issue public service announcements, and
19 distribute materials that cover the topics described by Subsection
20 (a). The department may publish its own materials on those topics
21 or may distribute materials published by firearm safety education
22 programs that seek to encourage firearm owners to embrace the
23 importance of firearm storage.

24 (c) The department may pay the costs of the campaign and its

1 administration from:

2 (1) gifts, grants, or donations;

3 (2) matching funds; and

4 (3) other funds made available for that purpose,

5 including available department revenue.

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