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H.B. No. 1423

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an immunization rate tracking system for employees and residents of certain long-term care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 161.0053 to read as follows:

Sec. 161.0053. IMMUNIZATION RATE TRACKING SYSTEM FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES. (a) In this section, "long-term care facility" means a facility licensed or regulated under Chapter 242, 247, or 252.

(b) A long-term care facility shall maintain a system to track the immunization rates of the facility's employees and residents. The system must include information on:

(1) the aggregate immunization rates of the facility's employees and residents; and

(2) changes to the aggregate immunization rates described by Subdivision (1).

(c) A long-term care facility on request shall provide the immunization rate data described by Subsection (b). The data provided by the facility may not in any manner identify an employee or resident.

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