

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 3704

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to certain public health data maintained by the Department  
3 of State Health Services and shared with certain local health  
4 entities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section [121.005](#), Health and Safety Code, is  
7 amended by adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

8 (e) The department may enter into a memorandum of  
9 understanding and data use agreement with an affiliated local  
10 health unit, local health department, or public health district  
11 that provides essential public health services to share relevant  
12 public health data maintained by the department in a manner  
13 consistent with federal and state law.

14 (f) An affiliated local health unit, local health  
15 department, or public health district seeking public health data  
16 only for research purposes must submit a request to the  
17 institutional review board established under Section [108.0135](#) for  
18 review and approval of the request.

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