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H.B. No. 170

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing notice to a parent or guardian regarding a positive coronavirus disease (COVID-19) test of a person assigned to a student's classroom.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.0311 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.0311. NOTICE OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19).

(a) The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school shall adopt a policy requiring the district or school to provide written or electronic notice to the parent or guardian of each student assigned to a classroom in which a student or educator has tested positive for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Notice required under this section shall be made as soon as practicable after the district or school becomes aware the student or educator is infected. The notice:

(1) must include the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the treatment and prevention of the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and

(2) may not identify the student or educator who tested positive for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

(b) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022

1 school year.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
7 legislative session.