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S.B. No. 39

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to health care facility reporting of COVID-19 data.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 81, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 81.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.054. COVID-19 DATA REPORTING. (a) In this section:

(1) "COVID-19" means the 2019 novel coronavirus disease.

(2) "Health care facility" means a hospital, freestanding emergency medical care facility, urgent care or retail clinic, outpatient clinic, birthing center, ambulatory surgical center, long-term care facility, or other facility that is licensed to provide health care services in this state.

(b) Each health care facility that provides health care services to a patient diagnosed with COVID-19 shall report to the local health authority or department, in the form and manner prescribed by the executive commissioner, the number of patients treated by the facility who are diagnosed with or hospitalized for COVID-19 or for whom COVID-19 is a comorbidity contributing to the patient's death. The data must be disaggregated by:

(1) age;

(2) gender;

(3) ethnicity;

(4) race;

1           (5) pregnancy status; and

2           (6) vaccination status, including, if applicable, the  
3 vaccine brand and the number of weeks that have elapsed from the  
4 date of the patient's final dose of the vaccine to the date the  
5 facility first provides the services following diagnosis.

6           (c) The executive commissioner may adopt any rules  
7 necessary to ensure health care facilities accurately and timely  
8 report the data required by Subsection (b).

9           (d) The department shall compile, publish, and regularly  
10 update the data collected under this section on the department's  
11 Internet website, disaggregated as required by Subsection (b).

12           (e) This section expires September 1, 2025.

13           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
14 last day of the legislative session.