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H.B. No. 3004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information regarding breast-feeding.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 165, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 165.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 165.005. INFORMATION REGARDING BREAST-FEEDING. (a)

In this section:

(1) "Birthing center" means a facility licensed under Chapter 244.

(2) "Hospital" means a facility licensed under Chapter 241 or a hospital maintained or operated by this state.

(b) A hospital or birthing center shall provide as appropriate and at no cost to each mother who gives birth at the hospital or center information regarding breast-feeding that includes:

(1) a mother's right to breast-feed as described by Section 165.002 and as applicable to express breast milk at the mother's public employer workplace as described by Chapter 619, Government Code;

(2) the nutritional, medical, and emotional benefits of breast-feeding for the mother and the child;

(3) common breast-feeding problems and solutions to those problems; and

(4) preparation of the mother and the child for

1 breast-feeding.

2 (c) The commission shall make the information described by
3 Subsection (b) available on the commission's Internet website in a
4 format that may be easily printed. The commission may provide the
5 information described by Subsection (b) in writing to hospitals and
6 birthing centers if the commission determines that providing
7 written information is cost-effective.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.