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H.B. No. 3722

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to training materials for contact tracers and case
3 investigators for public health disasters and other public health
4 emergencies.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 81, Health and Safety
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 81.069 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 81.069. CONTACT TRACER AND CASE INVESTIGATOR TRAINING
9 MATERIALS. (a) In this section:

10 (1) "Contact tracing" means identifying individuals
11 who may have been exposed to an infected individual for the purpose
12 of containing the spread of a communicable disease by notifying
13 those individuals of the exposure and need for testing and
14 self-quarantine.

15 (2) "Infected individual" means an individual known or
16 reasonably suspected to be infected with a communicable disease.

17 (b) The department shall develop training materials for use
18 by health care providers in conducting contact tracing and case
19 investigation during a public health disaster or other public
20 health emergency related to a communicable disease. The department
21 shall post the training materials on the department's Internet
22 website.

23 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable, the Department of State
24 Health Services shall develop the training materials required by

1 Section 81.069, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

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 September 1, 2021.