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S.B. No. 79

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a report by a school authority of a communicable disease during a declared state of disaster.

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 81.0425 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.0425. SCHOOL AUTHORITY REPORT DURING DECLARED DISASTER. A school authority shall report to the department and the Texas Education Agency if a child attending school or an employee or volunteer at the school provides notice to the authority that the individual is infected with a communicable disease for which the governor has declared a state of disaster under Section 418.014, Government Code.

SECTION 2. Section 81.0425, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, applies only to notice provided to a school authority on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.