

1-1 By: Schwertner, et al. S.B. No. 984  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2021; March 18, 2021, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;  
 1-4 April 20, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 20, 2021,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 984 By: Seliger

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to public health disaster and public health emergency  
 1-22 preparedness and response, including the operation of the Task  
 1-23 Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 81, Health and Safety  
 1-26 Code, is amended by adding Sections 81.027 and 81.028 to read as  
 1-27 follows:

1-28 Sec. 81.027. TRAUMA SERVICE AREA REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
 1-29 DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING. (a) Each trauma service area  
 1-30 regional advisory council shall collect from each hospital located  
 1-31 in the regional advisory council's trauma service area the  
 1-32 de-identified health care data, including demographic data,  
 1-33 necessary for this state and the area to effectively plan for and  
 1-34 respond to public health disasters and communicable or infectious  
 1-35 disease emergencies in this state. The executive commissioner by  
 1-36 rule shall prescribe the data each council must collect under this  
 1-37 subsection.

1-38 (b) A trauma service area regional advisory council shall:  
 1-39 (1) provide the data collected under Subsection (a) to  
 1-40 the department; and

1-41 (2) make the data publicly available by:  
 1-42 (A) posting the data on the regional advisory  
 1-43 council's Internet website; or

1-44 (B) if the regional advisory council does not  
 1-45 maintain an Internet website, providing the data in writing on  
 1-46 request.

1-47 (c) Information collected or maintained under this section  
 1-48 that identifies a patient is confidential and exempt from  
 1-49 disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

1-50 Sec. 81.028. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT RESERVES. (a)  
 1-51 In this section, "personal protective equipment" means specialized  
 1-52 clothing or equipment worn for protection against communicable and  
 1-53 other infectious diseases.

1-54 (b) The department shall, if money is appropriated to the  
 1-55 department for the purposes of this section, establish a reserve,  
 1-56 or regional reserves, of personal protective equipment to support a  
 1-57 response to public health disasters and communicable or infectious  
 1-58 disease emergencies in this state.

1-59 SECTION 2. Section 81.404(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
 1-60 amended to read as follows:

2-1 (a) The governor may appoint members of the task force as  
2-2 necessary, including members from relevant state agencies, members  
2-3 with expertise in infectious diseases and other issues involved in  
2-4 the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases, and members  
2-5 from institutions of higher education in this state. The governor  
2-6 shall appoint to the task force:

2-7 (1) at least one member who is a county judge of a  
2-8 county with a population of less than 100,000;

2-9 (2) at least one member who is a county judge of a  
2-10 county with a population of 100,000 or more;

2-11 (3) at least one member who is a representative of a  
2-12 local health authority serving a rural area;

2-13 (4) at least one member who is a representative of a  
2-14 local health authority serving an urban area;

2-15 (5) at least one member who is a licensed nurse; ~~and~~

2-16 (6) at least one member who is emergency medical  
2-17 services personnel, as defined by Section 773.003; and

2-18 (7) at least one member who is an epidemiologist.

2-19 SECTION 3. Section 81.406(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
2-20 amended to read as follows:

2-21 (a) The task force shall meet:

2-22 (1) at least once each year at a location determined by  
2-23 the task force director; and

2-24 (2) at other times and locations as determined by the  
2-25 task force director ~~[of the task force]~~.

2-26 SECTION 4. Not later than January 1, 2022, the governor  
2-27 shall appoint the member of the Task Force on Infectious Disease  
2-28 Preparedness and Response as required by Section 81.404(a)(7),  
2-29 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

2-30 SECTION 5. The Department of State Health Services is  
2-31 required to implement Section 81.028, Health and Safety Code, as  
2-32 added by this Act, only if the legislature appropriates money  
2-33 specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not  
2-34 appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the department  
2-35 may, but is not required to, implement Section 81.028 using other  
2-36 appropriations available for that purpose.

2-37 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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