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S.B. No. 1353

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the content of certain immunization records and of certain biennial legislative reports on immunizations issued by the Department of State Health Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 161.0074, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) If a public health disaster was declared under Chapter 81 during the preceding two years, in addition to the information required under Subsection (c), for immunizations that immunize an individual against the communicable disease subject to the declaration the report must:

(1) include information by county on the accessibility to the immunizations of county residents by age, race, and geographic location, provided the information does not personally identify any individual;

(2) identify and assess disparities in access to the immunizations by age, race, and geographic location, including an assessment of immunization accessibility in each county;

(3) include the estimated economic benefit to this state of reducing disparities in immunization accessibility;

(4) include recommendations for reducing disparities in immunization accessibility; and

(5) include recommendations for legislative action to

1 increase immunization rates.

2 SECTION 2. Section 161.008, Health and Safety Code, is
3 amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

4 (b-1) An immunization record provided by a health care
5 provider as required by Section 161.00705 for inclusion in the
6 immunization registry during a public health disaster declared
7 under Chapter 81 must contain the race, age, ethnicity, and county
8 of residence of the individual immunized. This subsection applies
9 only to immunizations that immunize an individual against the
10 communicable disease subject to the declaration.

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