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S.B. No. 1353

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the biennial legislative report on immunizations issued  
3 by the Department of State Health Services.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 161.0074(c), Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) The report must:

8 (1) include the current immunization rates by  
9 geographic region of the state, where available;

10 (2) focus on the geographic regions of the state with  
11 immunization rates below the state average for preschool children;

12 (3) describe the approaches identified to increase  
13 immunization rates in underserved areas and the estimated cost for  
14 each;

15 (4) identify changes to department procedures needed  
16 to increase immunization rates;

17 (5) identify the services provided under and  
18 provisions of contracts entered into by the department to increase  
19 immunization rates in underserved areas;

20 (6) identify performance measures used in contracts  
21 described by Subdivision (5);

22 (7) include the number and type of exemptions used in  
23 the past year;

24 (8) include the number of complaints received by the

1 department related to the department's failure to comply with  
2 requests for exclusion of individuals from the registry;

3 (9) identify all reported incidents of discrimination  
4 for requesting exclusion from the registry or for using an  
5 exemption for a required immunization;

6 (10) include department recommendations about the  
7 best way to use, and communicate with, local registries in the  
8 state; ~~and~~

9 (11) include ways to increase provider participation  
10 in the registry;

11 (12) include information by county on the immunization  
12 accessibility of residents by age, race, and geographic location,  
13 provided the information does not personally identify any  
14 individual;

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

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

20 (15) include recommendations for reducing disparities  
21 in immunization accessibility; and

22 (16) include recommendations for legislative action  
23 to increase immunization rates.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.