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H.B. No. 4960

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to information for the parents or guardians of pediatric
3 cancer patients regarding risk of impaired fertility from
4 treatment.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, is amended
7 by adding Subchapter X to read as follows:

8 SUBCHAPTER X. INFORMATION REGARDING RISK OF IMPAIRED FERTILITY
9 FROM CANCER TREATMENTS

10 Sec. 161.681. NOTICE FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING CHEMOTHERAPY OR
11 RADIATION. (a) A health care facility at which a child will begin
12 receiving chemotherapy or radiation that may directly or indirectly
13 cause impaired fertility must, before the treatment begins, notify
14 the child's parents or legal guardians of the risk of impaired
15 fertility from treatment.

16 (b) The department shall develop and make available a
17 written notice for a health care facility to use for purposes of
18 this section.

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
20 to a child who will begin chemotherapy or radiation on or after the
21 effective date of this Act.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.