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H.B. No. 4960

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information for pediatric cancer patients regarding risk of impaired fertility from treatment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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