

Amend **CSSB 1** (house committee printing) in Article II of the bill, following the appropriations to the Department of State Health Services by adding the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. Texas Vaccine Status Study. Out of funds appropriated above, the Department of State Health Services shall study and assess the number of unvaccinated individuals in Texas. The study shall include an assessment of the incidence and death rates among unvaccinated Texans and the wider public health risks of being unvaccinated. The study shall evaluate the barriers to vaccination, examine the percentage of population necessary to achieve herd immunity, and provide recommendations. Not later than September 1, 2026, the department shall: (1) prepare all findings from the study; and (2) submit the findings to the relevant house and senate committees.