

1-1 By: Hull, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Kolthorst) H.B. No. 1586
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2025;
1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
1-4 Human Services; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Kolthorst	X		
1-9	Perry	X		
1-10	Blanco		X	
1-11	Cook		X	
1-12	Hall	X		
1-13	Hancock	X		
1-14	Hughes	X		
1-15	Miles		X	
1-16	Sparks	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to an exemption from required immunizations for school
1-20 enrollment.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 161.0041(c), (d), and (e), Health and
1-23 Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (c) The department shall develop a blank affidavit form for
1-25 a person to use in claiming an exemption from a required
1-26 immunization under this section and post the affidavit form in a
1-27 printable format on the department's Internet website. A person
1-28 claiming an exemption from a required immunization [under this
1-29 section] may also [only] obtain the affidavit form by submitting a
1-30 written request for the affidavit form to the department. A person
1-31 may not be required to provide any information to obtain a blank
1-32 affidavit form under this subsection.

1-33 ~~(d) [The department shall develop a blank affidavit form~~
1-34 ~~that contains a seal or other security device to prevent~~
1-35 ~~reproduction of the form.]~~ The affidavit form shall contain a
1-36 statement indicating that the person or, if a minor, the person's
1-37 parent, managing conservator, or guardian understands the benefits
1-38 and risks of immunizations and the benefits and risks of not being
1-39 immunized.

1-40 (e) The department may ~~[shall]~~ maintain a record of the
1-41 total number of times an affidavit form was accessed on the
1-42 department's Internet website or requested under Subsection (c)
1-43 [forms sent out each year and shall report that information to the
1-44 legislature each year]. The department may not maintain a record of
1-45 any personally identifying information [the names] of individuals
1-46 who download, access, request, or submit an affidavit form under
1-47 this section.

1-48 SECTION 2. Not later than the 30th day after the effective
1-49 date of this Act, the Department of State Health Services shall
1-50 modify the existing affidavit form required by Section 161.0041,
1-51 Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
1-53 school year.

1-54 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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