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S.B. No. 291

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to hepatitis B vaccination for students enrolled in
3 certain health-related courses of study at an institution of higher
4 education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 51.933, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

8 (b-1) A rule adopted under Subsection (b) that requires a
9 hepatitis B vaccination for students must:

10 (1) apply only to students enrolled in a course of
11 study that involves potential exposure to human or animal blood or
12 bodily fluids; and

13 (2) require each student to:

14 (A) receive the first shot of a series of
15 hepatitis B vaccine before the student begins the course of study;
16 and

17 (B) continue the series of hepatitis B vaccine
18 while training or working and complete the series according to
19 safety protocols adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and
20 Prevention of the United States Public Health Service.

21 SECTION 2. Not later than November 1, 2009, the executive
22 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
23 adopt rules as required by Section 51.933(b-1), Education Code, as
24 added by this Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.