

1-1 By: Huffines, Buckingham S.B. No. 850
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 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 850 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the mandatory spinal screening of public and private
 1-22 school students.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 37.001, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-25 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 (b) The executive commissioner, in cooperation with the
 1-28 Texas Education Agency, shall adopt rules for the mandatory spinal
 1-29 screening of children [~~in grades 6 and 9~~] attending public or
 1-30 private schools. In adopting rules under this subsection, the
 1-31 executive commissioner shall consider the most recent nationally
 1-32 accepted and peer-reviewed scientific research in determining the
 1-33 appropriate ages for conducting the spinal screening. The
 1-34 department shall coordinate the spinal screening program with any
 1-35 other screening program conducted by the department on those
 1-36 children.

1-37 (b-1) The executive commissioner, in cooperation with the
 1-38 Texas Education Agency, by rule shall develop a process to notify a
 1-39 parent, managing conservator, or guardian of:

1-40 (1) the screening requirement;

1-41 (2) the purposes of and reasons for the screening
 1-42 requirement, including prevention of painful scoliosis correction
 1-43 surgery and medical risks to the child if screening is declined;

1-44 (3) the noninvasive nature of the method used to
 1-45 conduct the screening; and

1-46 (4) the method for declining to comply with the
 1-47 screening requirement through the use of an exemption described by
 1-48 Section 37.002(b).

1-49 SECTION 2. (a) The executive commissioner of the Health
 1-50 and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules under Section
 1-51 37.001, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, not later
 1-52 than January 1, 2018.

1-53 (b) This Act applies beginning with the 2018-2019 school
 1-54 year.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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