

1-1 By: Phelan, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 1256
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2019;
 1-3 April 15, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 & Human Services; May 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Kolkhorst	X			
1-8 Perry	X			
1-9 Buckingham	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Flores	X			
1-12 Johnson	X			
1-13 Miles	X			
1-14 Powell	X			
1-15 Seliger	X			

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

1-19 relating to access by certain persons to a first responder's
 1-20 immunization history.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 161, Health and Safety
 1-23 Code, is amended by adding Section 161.00708 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 161.00708. ACCESS TO FIRST RESPONDER IMMUNIZATION
 1-25 HISTORY. (a) The department shall establish a process to provide
 1-26 an employer of a first responder with direct access to the first
 1-27 responder's immunization information in the immunization registry
 1-28 for verification of the first responder's immunization history.
 1-29 The process must require a first responder to provide electronic or
 1-30 written consent before the employer is granted direct access to the
 1-31 first responder's immunization information in the immunization
 1-32 registry. A first responder may withdraw consent at any time.

1-33 (b) The department may establish a process to provide a
 1-34 first responder with access to the first responder's immunization
 1-35 information in the immunization registry.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 161.008(d), Health and Safety Code, is
 1-37 amended to read as follows:

1-38 (d) The department may release the data constituting an
 1-39 immunization record for the individual to:

1-40 (1) any entity that is described by Subsection (c);

1-41 (2) a school or child care facility in which the
 1-42 individual is enrolled; ~~or~~

1-43 (3) a state agency having legal custody of the
 1-44 individual; or

1-45 (4) an employer of a first responder or a first
 1-46 responder in accordance with Section 161.00708.

1-47 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2020, the executive
 1-48 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
 1-49 adopt rules as necessary to implement the changes in law made by
 1-50 this Act.

1-51 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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