

1-1 By: Hall S.B. No. 1489
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2021; March 24, 2021, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
1-4 May 13, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 4; May 13, 2021,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1489 By: Perry

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

1-21 relating to the provision of information regarding COVID-19
1-22 prevention and treatment to individuals receiving a COVID-19 viral
1-23 test.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 81, Health and Safety Code, is amended by
1-26 adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

1-27 SUBCHAPTER K. COVID-19 TESTING, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT

1-28 Sec. 81.451. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-29 (1) "COVID-19" means the 2019 novel coronavirus
1-30 disease.

1-31 (2) "Health care provider" means a person who is
1-32 licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to provide COVID-19
1-33 viral testing.

1-34 Sec. 81.452. COVID-19 PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
1-35 INFORMATION. The department shall post on the department's
1-36 Internet website a printable brochure containing information about
1-37 preventative measures and treatments for COVID-19. The brochure
1-38 must include the following information:

1-39 (1) methods for improving the functioning of an
1-40 individual's immune system;

1-41 (2) the importance of therapeutic prevention of
1-42 COVID-19, including the use of nutraceuticals, the use of
1-43 prescription medications, and the benefits and risks associated
1-44 with receiving a vaccination;

1-45 (3) the importance of seeking treatment for COVID-19
1-46 as soon as symptoms appear and a list of methods for treating
1-47 COVID-19 that may be effective, including available medications;
1-48 and

1-49 (4) advanced home treatments for reducing COVID-19
1-50 symptoms and preventing hospitalization after an individual
1-51 contracts COVID-19, including monoclonal antibody therapy.

1-52 Sec. 81.453. REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. A
1-53 health care provider that performs a COVID-19 viral test on an
1-54 individual shall, at the time the provider performs the test,
1-55 provide a printed or electronic copy of the brochure described by
1-56 Section 81.452 to the individual receiving the test.

1-57 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
1-58 of this Act, the Department of State Health Services shall develop
1-59 and post on the department's Internet website the brochure required
1-60 by Section 81.452, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-5 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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