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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the human papillomavirus (HPV) is the leading cause of cervical cancer. At least 50 percent of sexually active people will get HPV at some time in their lives. Every year in the United States, approximately 6.2 million people get HPV. HPV is most common in young women and men who are in their late teens and early twenties. There is a new vaccine that protects against four HPV types, which together cause 70 percent of cervical cancers.

C.S.H.B. 1379 coordinates efforts to provide certain information through existing resources on HPV and the availability of the HPV vaccine. This bill requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to produce and distribute informational materials regarding the human papillomavirus vaccination. The bill requires the inclusion of additional information regarding human papillomavirus in course materials related to sexually transmitted diseases in the model public health education program for school-aged children developed by DSHS.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

[While the statutory reference in this bill is to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the following amendments affect the Department of State Health Services, as the successor agency to TDH.]

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 161.0107, as follows:

Sec. 161.0107. HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS; VACCINES EDUCATION MATERIALS. (a) Requires TDH, using existing resources, to produce and distribute informational materials regarding vaccines against human papillomavirus (HPV) that are approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for human use. Requires the materials to include certain information about the vaccine and to be available in English and Spanish.

(b) Requires TDH to collaborate with the Texas Care Council or its successor entity to develop educational programs for parents regarding HPV and promoting awareness of a minor's need for preventive services for cervical cancer and its precursors.

(c) Requires TDH to develop and maintain an Internet website that targets the public and health care professionals and provides accurate, comprehensive information on all aspects of cervical cancer prevention, including vaccination against HPV.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 163, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 163.003, as follows:

Sec. 163.003. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL ELEMENTS REGARDING HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS. Requires course materials and instruction relating to sexually transmitted diseases to be available in English and Spanish and should contain specific information regarding HPV.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2007.