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H.B. No. 1076

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the mandatory spinal screening of public and private school students.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.001(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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