

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The vaccines for children program is federally funded and provides vaccines to eligible children. As proposed, S.B. 282 promotes the enrollment and participation in the program by private physicians by requiring the Texas Department of Health to provide information about the program to every health care provider in the state who is not enrolled but is otherwise eligible to participate in the program.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. DEFINITION. Defines “vaccines for children program” (program).

SECTION 2. PROMOTION OF VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM. Requires the Texas Department of Health, not later than October 1, 2001, to develop and distribute educational materials designed to promote and increase awareness of the program to each health care provider in this state, including a Medicaid provider, who is not enrolled but is otherwise eligible to participate in the program.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.