

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is required to give school districts procedures for providing information about bacterial meningitis to students and parents each year. TEA also must prescribe the form and content of the information to be disseminated. This task, however, would be more appropriately assigned to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Accordingly, H.B. 3884 would reassign the responsibility for this requirement to DSHS.

H.B. 3884 amends current law relating to dissemination of bacterial meningitis information by school districts.

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. Amends Sections 38.0025(a) and (c), Education Code, as follows:

(a) Requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), rather than the Texas Education Agency (TEA), to prescribe procedures by which each school district shall provide information relating to bacterial meningitis to its students and their parents each school year. Makes conforming changes. Requires the information to cover certain topics, including sources of additional information regarding the disease, including any appropriate office of the school district and the appropriate office of DSHS, rather than the Texas Department of Health.

(c) Make conforming changes to this subsection.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 38.0025(b) (relating to requiring TEA to consult with the Texas Department of Health in prescribing the content of the information to be provided to students under this section), Education Code.

SECTION 3. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2019–2020 school year.

SECTION 4. Requires DSHS, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, to develop the procedures under Section 38.0025, Education Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.