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H.B. No. 1044

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to mandatory spinal screenings for children in certain grades attending public or private schools.

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 female children in grades 5 and 7 and male children in grade 8 [~~6 and 9~~] attending public or private schools. 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, in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency, shall adopt the rules required by Section 37.001(b), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

(b) Section 37.001(b), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, applies beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

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