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3 **A BILL**  
4 **To Be Entitled**  
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6 **AN ACT** to teach organ donor education in all health curriculums or drivers' education program  
7 and to become a high school requirement and declaring an emergency.  
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9 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas  
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11 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS AS USED IN THIS ACT:**

- 12 1. Organ: a grouping of tissues into a distinct structure, as a heart or kidney in a human that  
13 performs a specialized task.  
14 2. Donor: a person providing blood, an organ, bone marrow cells, or other biological tissue  
15 for transfusion or transplantation.  
16 3. Curriculum: All the courses of study offered by an educational institution.  
17 4. Donation: an act or instance of presenting something as a gift, grant, or contribution.

18 **SECTION 2 PURPOSE:**

19 This bill will reduce the number of people that die each year from not having a vital organ.  
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21 **SECTION 3. PROVISIONS:**

- 22 1. All schools in the state of Texas must teach organ donation.  
23 2. Students may not graduate from high school until they have passed a test which will now  
24 include organ donation.  
25 3. Make amend to current curriculum or update curriculum.

26 **SECTION 4. PENALTIES:**  
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29 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act shall take effect on July 29, 2010.  
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32 **SECTION 6. REPEALER CLAUSE:** All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
33 repealed to the extent of the conflict.  
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35 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:** If any portion of this Act shall be declared  
36 unconstitutional, it is the intent of this legislature that the other portions of this Act shall remain  
37 in full force and effect.  
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39 **SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:** The importance of this legislation and the crowded  
40 condition of the calendar of both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity  
41 that the Constitutional Rule requiring that the bills be read on three separate days in each house  
42 be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.  
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