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H.B. No. 1342

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the provision of certain health information and other
3 information to school districts and other participating entities in
4 the Texas school employees uniform group health coverage program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 1579.010 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1579.010. PARTICIPATING ENTITY REQUEST FOR CERTAIN
9 INFORMATION. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), the trustee shall
10 provide to a participating entity any de-identified health
11 information, enrollment information, or other relevant information
12 available to the trustee as requested by the entity in connection
13 with a search for alternative health benefit plan coverage for the
14 entity's employees and the employees' dependents.

15 (b) The information provided by the trustee under this
16 section may not include any personally identifying information of a
17 covered individual that would be prohibited from disclosure under
18 the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
19 (Pub. L. No. 104-191) and regulations adopted under that Act.

20 (c) The trustee shall provide the information requested
21 under this section at no cost to the requesting participating
22 entity, in accordance with the procedures developed by the trustee
23 for that purpose.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.