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H.B. No. 4253

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study on the coverage of certain infants under
3 Medicaid.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "commission" means the
6 Health and Human Services Commission.

7 SECTION 2. STUDY ON INFANTS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID. The
8 commission shall conduct a study to assess the commission's
9 compliance with federal guidelines and requirements on the required
10 coverage of certain infants under Medicaid. In conducting the
11 study, the commission shall examine whether or the extent to which
12 the commission:

13 (1) provides Medicaid coverage to infants born in this
14 state whose mother was a Medicaid recipient at the time of the
15 birth;

16 (2) requires the submission of a separate application
17 or eligibility determination for infants born in this state whose
18 mother was a Medicaid recipient at the time of the birth;

19 (3) requires by rule or otherwise that an infant born
20 in this state whose mother was a Medicaid recipient at the time of
21 the birth reside with the infant's mother to remain eligible for
22 Medicaid;

23 (4) allows an infant to receive Medicaid coverage by
24 using the Medicaid identification number of the infant's mother

1 from the period between the infant's birth until the infant reaches
2 one year of age or, if the mother does not have a Medicaid
3 identification number, provides a separate Medicaid identification
4 number to an infant;

5 (5) requires proof of citizenship for an infant to
6 receive Medicaid coverage before the infant reaches one year of
7 age;

8 (6) ensures that an infant remains eligible from the
9 period between the infant's birth until the infant reaches at least
10 one year of age, unless the infant dies, is moved outside this
11 state, or is voluntarily disenrolled from Medicaid; and

12 (7) conducts a redetermination of eligibility for
13 infants before they reach one year of age.

14 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2024, the
15 commission shall prepare and submit to the governor, the lieutenant
16 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
17 legislature a written report that:

18 (1) summarizes the results of the study conducted
19 under Section 2 of this Act; and

20 (2) includes any legislative recommendations based on
21 the results of the study on how to improve coverage rates and
22 related requirements for infants eligible for Medicaid.

23 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2025.

24 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
25 1, 2023.