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H.B. No. 4253

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
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.