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S.B. No. 842

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to health benefit coverage for bariatric surgery under the
3 state employees group benefits program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1551.225(a), Insurance Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) The board of trustees shall develop a cost-neutral or
8 cost-positive plan for providing under the group benefits program
9 bariatric surgery coverage for:

10 (1) employees eligible to participate in the program
11 under Section 1551.101;

12 (2) annuitants eligible to participate in the program
13 under Section 1551.102; and

14 (3) former state employees eligible to participate in
15 the program under Section 1551.108.

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
17 to a plan year that commences on or after January 1, 2024.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.