

1-1 By: Hinojosa, Blanco S.B. No. 842
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 10, 2023; March 1, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
 1-4 Services; May 8, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 8, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to health benefit coverage for bariatric surgery under the
 1-20 state employees group benefits program.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 1551.225(a), Insurance Code, is amended
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The board of trustees shall develop a cost-neutral or
 1-25 cost-positive plan for providing under the group benefits program
 1-26 bariatric surgery coverage for:

1-27 (1) employees eligible to participate in the program
 1-28 under Section 1551.101;

1-29 (2) annuitants eligible to participate in the program
 1-30 under Section 1551.102; and

1-31 (3) former state employees eligible to participate in
 1-32 the program under Section 1551.108.

1-33 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-34 to a plan year that commences on or after January 1, 2024.

1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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