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H.B. No. 123

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to benefits provided under the state child health plan.

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

SECTION 1. Section 62.151(b), Health and Safety Code, as amended by H.B. 2292, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In developing the covered benefits, the commission shall consider the health care needs of healthy children and children with special health care needs. The child health plan must provide at least the covered benefits described by the recommended benefits package described for a state-designed child health plan by the Texas House of Representatives Committee on Public Health "CHIP" Interim Report to the Seventy-Sixth Texas Legislature dated December 1998 and the Senate Interim Committee on Children's Health Insurance Report to the Seventy-Sixth Texas Legislature dated December 1, 1998. The child health plan must include at least the covered benefits provided under the plan on June 1, 2003.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for effect on that date, this Act takes effect November 1, 2003.