

Amend SB 467 as follows:

(1) Insert a new SECTION 13 in the bill (page 12, between lines 19 and 20, senate engrossment printing) to read as follows:

SECTION 13. Article 3.77, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 17 to read as follows:

Sec. 17. STUDY ON EXPANSION OF POOL COVERAGE. (a) The department shall study how to expand eligibility in the pool to include a person who:

(1) does not receive health insurance coverage through the person's employer; and

(2) is unable to obtain health insurance coverage on the open market.

(b) The study must consider ways to accomplish the expansion of eligibility while minimizing cost shifting from employers to the pool.

(c) The department shall report the results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the members of the 79th Legislature not later than January 15, 2005.

(d) This section expires July 1, 2005.

(2) Renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill appropriately.