

Amend CSSB 1952 by adding a new section with the following:

SECTION 1. Section 62.053, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding Section 62.055 and subject to Subsection (e), the Texas Department of Human Services shall assume responsibility for eligibility screening and enrollment under the child health plan and may not contract for those services with a third party administrator or other entity, if the commission, after conducting a cost-benefit analysis of requiring the department to assume responsibility for these services, determines that the department is able to:

(1) satisfy the same performance standards applicable to a third party administrator or other entity; and

(2) perform these services less expensively than a third party administrator.

(e) The Texas Department of Human Services may not assume responsibility for eligibility screening and enrollment under the child health plan before the Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System is developed and the child health plan is integrated into that system.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.