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H.B. No. 1446

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the eligibility of certain children for certain health  
3 benefit coverage.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 3(a), Article 21.24-2, Insurance Code,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) Each health benefit plan that conditions coverage for a  
8 child up to 25 years of age on the child's being a full-time student  
9 at an educational institution shall provide the coverage for an  
10 entire academic term during which the child begins as a full-time  
11 student and remains enrolled, regardless of whether the number of  
12 hours of instruction for which the child is enrolled is reduced to a  
13 level that changes the child's academic status to less than that of  
14 a full-time student. Additionally, the health benefit plan shall  
15 provide the coverage continuously until the 10th day of instruction  
16 of the subsequent academic term on which date the health benefit  
17 plan may terminate coverage of the child if the child does not  
18 return to full-time student status before that date. [~~A health  
19 benefit plan may not condition coverage for a child younger than 25  
20 years of age on the child's being enrolled at an educational  
21 institution.~~]

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and  
23 applies only to a health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for  
24 delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2004. A plan that is

1 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2004,  
2 is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the  
3 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for  
4 that purpose.