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H.B. No. 2469

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to enrollment and related services under the state child
3 health plan.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 62.055(e), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (e) In contracting under this chapter, the ~~[The]~~ commission
8 shall:

9 (1) retain all policymaking authority over the state
10 child health plan;

11 ~~[(2) procure all contracts with a third party~~
12 ~~administrator or other entity through a competitive procurement~~
13 ~~process in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws or~~
14 ~~regulations,] and~~

15 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ ensure that all contracts with child health
16 plan providers under Section 62.155 are procured through a
17 competitive procurement process in compliance with all applicable
18 federal and state laws or regulations.

19 SECTION 2. The following laws are repealed:

20 (1) Section 62.053(b), Health and Safety Code; and

21 (2) Sections 62.055(a), (b), (c), and (d), Health and
22 Safety Code.

23 SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of
24 this section, not later than September 1, 2004, the Texas

1 Department of Human Services shall assume responsibility for
2 eligibility screening and enrollment under the state child health
3 plan in accordance with Section 62.053, Health and Safety Code.

4 (b) If before implementing any provision of this Act a state
5 agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal
6 agency is necessary, the state agency shall request the waiver or
7 authorization and may delay implementation of that provision until
8 the waiver or authorization is granted.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.