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S.B. No. 984

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to excepting a benefits appeals committee for a public  
3 self-funded health plan from deliberating the medical or  
4 psychiatric records of an individual applicant for a benefit in an  
5 open meeting.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 551, Government Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 551.0785 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 551.0785. BENEFITS APPEALS COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC  
10 SELF-FUNDED HEALTH PLAN. This chapter does not require a benefits  
11 appeals committee for a public self-funded health plan to conduct  
12 an open meeting to deliberate the medical or psychiatric records of  
13 an individual applicant for a benefit from the plan.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.