

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 984  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2003; March 13, 2003, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 April 7, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 7, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to excepting a benefits appeals committee for a public  
1-9 self-funded health plan from deliberating the medical or  
1-10 psychiatric records of an individual applicant for a benefit in an  
1-11 open meeting.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 551, Government Code, is  
1-14 amended by adding Section 551.0785 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 551.0785. BENEFITS APPEALS COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC  
1-16 SELF-FUNDED HEALTH PLAN. This chapter does not require a benefits  
1-17 appeals committee for a public self-funded health plan to conduct  
1-18 an open meeting to deliberate the medical or psychiatric records of  
1-19 an individual applicant for a benefit from the plan.

1-20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-24 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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