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S.B. No. 1170

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration of the medical assistance program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.002, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) If the Social Security Act is amended to make federal funds available to states for the medical assistance program under Title XIX of that Act on a block grant basis, as defined by federal law, and the state elects to receive federal funds on that basis, the Health and Human Services Commission shall have the authority to spend state funds for the medical assistance program.

SECTION 2. Section 32.002, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) If the state elects to receive federal funds for the medical assistance program on a block grant basis, as defined by federal law, in accordance with a change in the Social Security Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall have the authority described by Section 22.002(j), and any provision of this chapter that conflicts with that authority shall be inoperative to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.