

Amend **CSHB 1516** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission shall suspend all activities related to establishing a call center under Section 531.063, Government Code, as added by Chapter 198, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, including conducting negotiations regarding a proposed contract for a call center, and, if the commission entered into a contract for the establishment of a call center under Section 531.063, Government Code, as added by Chapter 198, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, before the effective date of this section, the commission may not renew the contract until the commission has:

- (1) fully developed and tested the Texas Integrated Eligibility and Redesign System;
- (2) determined that the system is operational for all programs with respect to which it will be used; and
- (3) submitted the report required by Subsection (c) of this section.

(b) In determining whether the Texas Integrated Eligibility and Redesign System is operational for all programs with respect to which it will be used as required by Subsection (a)(2) of this section, the Health and Human Services Commission shall consider whether the system:

- (1) has been fully tested and determined to be operational with respect to all programs the system is designed to serve;
- (2) has been tested and shown to be operational under caseloads that are at least equal to 75 percent of the full statewide caseloads of the programs the system is designed to serve; and
- (3) when tested under the full statewide caseloads of the programs the system is designed to serve, meets or exceeds the levels of timeliness and accuracy provided by the current automations systems that the system is designed to replace.

(c) If the Health and Human Services Commission determines that the Texas Integrated Eligibility and Redesign System is

operational for all programs with respect to which it will be used, the executive commissioner of the commission shall submit to the governor and the presiding officers of the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over health and human services a report stating that the criteria specified by Subsection (b) of this section have been met and providing evidence of that fact. If, at the time the report is submitted, the legislature is not convened in a regular or special session, the executive commissioner shall also submit the report to the Legislative Budget Board.

(d) This section takes effect immediately if this Act 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 section takes effect September 1, 2005.