

Amend CSSB 809 (House committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 5 of the bill, in added Section 1506.2522, Insurance Code (page 5, between lines 23 and 24), insert the following new subsection:

(e) This section expires September 1, 2007.

(2) In SECTION 6 of the bill, strike amended Subsection (b), Section 1506.253, Insurance Code (page 6, lines 6-24), and substitute the following:

(b) The amount of a health benefit plan issuer's assessment is computed by multiplying the total amount required to be assessed against all health benefit plan issuers by a number computed by dividing:

(1) the gross premiums collected by the issuer for health benefit plans in this state during the preceding calendar year; by

(2) the gross premiums collected by all issuers for health benefit plans in this state during the preceding calendar year.

(b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), to compute the amount of a health benefit plan issuer's assessment, if any, the board shall:

(1) divide the total amount to be assessed by the total number of enrolled individuals reported by all health benefit plan issuers under Section 1506.2522 as of the preceding December 31 to determine the per capita amount; and

(2) multiply the number of enrolled individuals reported by the health benefit plan issuer under Section 1506.2522 as of the preceding December 31 by the per capita amount to determine the amount assessed to that health benefit plan issuer.

(b-2) Subsection (b-1) and this subsection expire September 1, 2007.

(3) Insert the following new SECTION, numbered appropriately:

SECTION _____. (a) The legislature shall establish a joint interim committee to study the deficit resulting from the net losses of the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool and to recommend a method or formula for recouping any deficit that apportions the

cost of those losses among the largest possible number of users of the health care system.

(b) Not later than September 1, 2006, the committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The lieutenant governor and speaker shall determine the composition of the committee.

(d) This section expires September 1, 2007.

(4) Renumber SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.