

Amend CSSB 1379 (committee printing) on third reading by striking Subsection (b) of SECTION 7 (page 5, lines 24-32) and substituting the following:

(b) The Texas Department of Insurance shall study and analyze the benefits of having health insurers and other health benefit plan issuers providing coverage for the treatment and prevention of obesity, including coverage for counseling of overweight and obese individuals. In the report, the Department of Insurance shall include analysis detailing the fiscal impact of such an initiative, including any findings, feedback and recommendations of health insurers and other health plan issuers. Not later than September 1, 2006, the Texas Department of Insurance shall submit a report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives regarding the department's findings and proposed initiatives for the legislature's consideration to better address obesity treatment, prevention and health care coverage.