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H.B. No. 2772

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to health savings accounts and high-deductible health
3 plans implemented as a part of the group benefits program of the
4 Employees Retirement System of Texas.

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

6 SECTION 1. EVALUATION AND REPORT. (a) The Employees
7 Retirement System of Texas shall evaluate the long-term impact of
8 implementing health savings accounts and high-deductible health
9 plans as a part of the group benefits program on:

10 (1) future costs and benefits of all health care plans
11 included in the group benefits program;

12 (2) participant access to quality health care;

13 (3) provider availability; and

14 (4) any other issue the system determines is relevant
15 to the continued stable and efficient operation of the group
16 benefits program, considering the demographic, geographic, and
17 socioeconomic characteristics of program participants.

18 (b) Not later than December 31, 2006, the Employees
19 Retirement System of Texas shall submit a report of the results of
20 the evaluation conducted under this section, including the system's
21 findings and recommendations, to the governor, lieutenant
22 governor, and speaker of the house of representatives.

23 (c) This section expires January 1, 2007.

24 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect

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1 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
2 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
3 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
4 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.