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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 within the group benefits program of the Employees Retirement  
4 System of Texas.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) The Employees Retirement System of Texas  
7 shall evaluate the long-term impact of implementation of health  
8 savings accounts and high deductible health plans within the group  
9 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) such other issues as the system may determine to be  
15 pertinent to the continued stable and efficient operation of the  
16 group benefits program, taking into consideration the demographic,  
17 geographic, and socioeconomic characteristics of the participants.

18 (b) The system shall send a report in connection with the  
19 evaluation, including findings and recommendations, to the  
20 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of  
21 representatives not later than December 31, 2006.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.