

1-1 By: Farabee (Senate Sponsor - Duncan) H.B. No. 2772
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2005;
1-3 May 12, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 20, 2005, reported favorably, as amended, by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Harris

1-7 Amend H.B. No. 2772 (house engrossment printing) in SECTION 1
1-8 of the bill (page 1, lines 20-21 by striking "health savings
1-9 accounts and high-deductible health plans" and substituting "a
1-10 health reimbursement account program or a health savings account
1-11 and high-deductible health plan program".

1-12 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-13 AN ACT

1-14 relating to health savings accounts and high-deductible health
1-15 plans implemented as a part of the group benefits program of the
1-16 Employees Retirement System of Texas.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. EVALUATION AND REPORT. (a) The Employees
1-19 Retirement System of Texas shall evaluate the long-term impact of
1-20 implementing health savings accounts and high-deductible health
1-21 plans as a part of the group benefits program on:

1-22 (1) future costs and benefits of all health care plans
1-23 included in the group benefits program;

1-24 (2) participant access to quality health care;

1-25 (3) provider availability; and

1-26 (4) any other issue the system determines is relevant
1-27 to the continued stable and efficient operation of the group
1-28 benefits program, considering the demographic, geographic, and
1-29 socioeconomic characteristics of program participants.

1-30 (b) Not later than December 31, 2006, the Employees
1-31 Retirement System of Texas shall submit a report of the results of
1-32 the evaluation conducted under this section, including the system's
1-33 findings and recommendations, to the governor, lieutenant
1-34 governor, and speaker of the house of representatives.

1-35 (c) This section expires January 1, 2007.

1-36 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
1-37 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
1-38 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
1-39 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
1-40 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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