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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a Medicaid buy-in program for employed persons with
3 disabilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 531.02444 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 531.02444. MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN PERSONS
8 WITH DISABILITIES. (a) The executive commissioner shall develop
9 and implement a Medicaid buy-in program for persons with
10 disabilities as authorized by the Ticket to Work and Work
11 Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. No. 106-170) or the
12 Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. No. 105-33).

13 (b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules in
14 accordance with federal law that provide for:

- 15 (1) eligibility requirements for the program; and
16 (2) requirements for participants in the program to
17 pay premiums or cost-sharing payments.

18 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2005, the executive
19 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
20 develop and implement the Medicaid buy-in program under Section
21 531.02444, Government Code, as added by this Act. In developing the
22 program, the executive commissioner shall consider the proposal for
23 the program developed and submitted to the Health and Human
24 Services Commission by the work group on health care options for

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1 certain persons with disabilities under Section 531.02443,
2 Government Code.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.