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1-4 Services; April 6, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a Medicaid buy-in program for employed persons with
1-9 disabilities.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 531.02444 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 531.02444. MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN PERSONS
1-14 WITH DISABILITIES. (a) The executive commissioner shall develop
1-15 and implement a Medicaid buy-in program for persons with
1-16 disabilities as authorized by the Ticket to Work and Work
1-17 Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. No. 106-170) or the
1-18 Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. No. 105-33).

1-19 (b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules in
1-20 accordance with federal law that provide for:

1-21 (1) eligibility requirements for the program; and

1-22 (2) requirements for participants in the program to
1-23 pay premiums or cost-sharing payments.

1-24 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2005, the executive
1-25 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
1-26 develop and implement the Medicaid buy-in program under Section
1-27 531.02444, Government Code, as added by this Act. In developing the
1-28 program, the executive commissioner shall consider the proposal for
1-29 the program developed and submitted to the Health and Human
1-30 Services Commission by the work group on health care options for
1-31 certain persons with disabilities under Section 531.02443,
1-32 Government Code.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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