

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of certain laws relating to portability of certain health benefit coverage provided to school district employees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.004, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

(m) Notwithstanding any other law, group health benefit coverage provided by or offered through a district to district employees under any law other than Subsection (a) is subject to the requirements of Sections 1501.102-1501.105, Insurance Code. This section applies to all group health benefit coverage provided by or offered through a district to district employees, including:

(1) a standard health benefit plan issued under Article 3.80 or 20A.09N or Chapter 1507, Insurance Code; and

(2) health and accident coverage provided through a risk pool established under Chapter 172, Local Government Code.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1448 passed the Senate on April 28, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1448 passed the House on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor