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S.B. No. 1448

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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