

1-1 By: Averitt S.B. No. 1448
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2005; March 21, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 18, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 18, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the applicability of certain laws relating to
1-9 portability of certain health benefit coverage provided to school
1-10 district employees.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 22.004, Education Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

1-14 (m) Notwithstanding any other law, group health benefit
1-15 coverage provided by or offered through a district to district
1-16 employees under any law other than Subsection (a) is subject to the
1-17 requirements of Sections 1501.102-1501.105, Insurance Code. This
1-18 section applies to all group health benefit coverage provided by or
1-19 offered through a district to district employees, including:

1-20 (1) a standard health benefit plan issued under
1-21 Article 3.80 or 20A.09N or Chapter 1507, Insurance Code; and

1-22 (2) health and accident coverage provided through a
1-23 risk pool established under Chapter 172, Local Government Code.

1-24 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
1-25 beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

1-26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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