

1-1 By: Averitt S.B. No. 1513
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1513 By: Williams

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to an interim study regarding the operation of certain
1-11 state health insurance programs.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. INTERIM COMMITTEE; STUDY. The joint interim
1-14 committee on state health insurance programs is established to
1-15 study state expenditures on health insurance and health benefit
1-16 programs and to analyze the feasibility of establishing a separate
1-17 state agency to administer the health benefit programs currently
1-18 administered by the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the
1-19 Teacher Retirement System of Texas, The University of Texas System,
1-20 and The Texas A&M University System.

1-21 SECTION 2. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE. (a) The joint
1-22 interim committee shall be composed of five senators and five
1-23 members of the house of representatives, as follows:

1-24 (1) the chair of the senate finance committee, the
1-25 chair of the senate state affairs committee, and three senators
1-26 appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

1-27 (2) the chair of the appropriations committee of the
1-28 house of representatives, the chair of the insurance committee of
1-29 the house of representatives, and three members of the house of
1-30 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of
1-31 representatives.

1-32 (b) The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of
1-33 representatives shall each designate a co-chair from among the
1-34 committee members.

1-35 SECTION 3. COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The joint interim committee
1-36 shall meet initially at the joint call of the co-chairs, and the
1-37 committee shall subsequently hold meetings and public hearings at
1-38 the call of the co-chairs.

1-39 SECTION 4. COMMITTEE POWERS AND DUTIES. The joint interim
1-40 committee has all powers and duties provided to special committees
1-41 by the senate and house of representatives rules of procedure, by
1-42 Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government Code, and by policies of the
1-43 committees on administration.

1-44 SECTION 5. COMMITTEE FUNDING. (a) From the contingent
1-45 expense fund of the senate and the contingent expense fund of the
1-46 house of representatives equally, the members of the joint interim
1-47 committee shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in carrying out
1-48 the provisions of this Act in accordance with the senate and house
1-49 of representatives rules of procedure and the policies of the
1-50 committees on administration.

1-51 (b) Other necessary expenses of operation shall be paid from
1-52 the contingent expense fund of the senate and the contingent
1-53 expense fund of the house of representatives equally.

1-54 SECTION 6. REPORT. The joint interim committee shall make a
1-55 complete written report, including findings and recommendations
1-56 and drafts of recommended legislation, to the 80th Legislature when
1-57 it convenes in January, 2007.

1-58 SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
1-59 1, 2005.

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