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S.B. No. 1515

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the implementation of the Texas Integrated Eligibility  
3 and Redesign System.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission  
6 shall suspend all activities related to establishing a call center  
7 under Section 531.063, Government Code, as added by Chapter 198,  
8 Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, including  
9 conducting negotiations regarding a proposed contract for a call  
10 center, and, if the commission entered into a contract for the  
11 establishment of a call center under Section 531.063, Government  
12 Code, as added by Chapter 198, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular  
13 Session, 2003, before the effective date of this Act, the  
14 commission may not renew the contract until the commission has:

15 (1) fully developed and tested the Texas Integrated  
16 Eligibility and Redesign System;

17 (2) determined that the system is operational for all  
18 programs with respect to which it will be used; and

19 (3) submitted the report required by Section 2 of this  
20 Act.

21 (b) In determining whether the Texas Integrated Eligibility  
22 and Redesign System is operational for all programs with respect to  
23 which it will be used as required by Subsection (a)(2) of this  
24 section, the Health and Human Services Commission shall consider

1 whether the system:

2 (1) has been fully tested and determined to be  
3 operational with respect to all programs the system is designed to  
4 serve;

5 (2) has been tested and shown to be operational under  
6 caseloads that are at least equal to 75 percent of the full  
7 statewide caseloads of the programs the system is designed to  
8 serve; and

9 (3) when tested under the full statewide caseloads of  
10 the programs the system is designed to serve, meets or exceeds the  
11 levels of timeliness and accuracy provided by the current  
12 automations systems that the system is designed to replace.

13 SECTION 2. If the Health and Human Services Commission  
14 determines that the Texas Integrated Eligibility and Redesign  
15 System is operational for all programs with respect to which it will  
16 be used, the executive commissioner of the commission shall submit  
17 to the governor and the presiding officers of the standing  
18 committees of the senate and house of representatives having  
19 primary jurisdiction over health and human services a report  
20 stating that the criteria specified by Section 1(b) of this Act have  
21 been met and providing evidence of that fact. If, at the time the  
22 report is submitted, the legislature is not convened in a regular or  
23 special session, the executive commissioner shall also submit the  
24 report to the Legislative Budget Board.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.