

Amend CSSB 10 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) Section 531.02444, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 531.02444. MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAMS [~~PROGRAM~~] FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. (a) The executive commissioner shall develop and implement:

(1) a Medicaid buy-in program for persons with disabilities as authorized by the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. No. 106-170) or the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. No. 105-33); and

(2) subject to availability of existing funds for this purpose, a Medicaid buy-in program for disabled children described by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(cc)(1) whose family incomes do not exceed 300 percent of the applicable federal poverty level, as authorized by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Pub. L. No. 109-171).

(b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules in accordance with federal law that provide for:

(1) eligibility requirements for each [~~the~~] program developed under Subsection (a); and

(2) requirements for participants in the program to pay premiums or cost-sharing payments, subject to Subsection (c).

(c) Rules adopted by the executive commissioner under Subsection (b) with respect to the program for disabled children developed under Subsection (a)(2) must require a participant to pay monthly premiums according to a sliding scale that is based on family income, subject to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. Sections 1396o(i)(2) and (3).

(b) Not later than December 1, 2007, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall, subject to availability of funds, develop and implement the Medicaid buy-in program for disabled children under Section 531.02444, Government Code, as amended by this section.