

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

SECTION _____. (a) In this section:

(1) "Child health plan program" means the state child health plan program authorized by Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code.

(2) "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program provided under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code.

(b) The Health and Human Services Commission shall conduct a study of the feasibility of providing a health passport for:

(1) children under 19 years of age who are receiving Medicaid and are not provided a health passport under another law of this state; and

(2) children enrolled in the child health plan program.

(c) The feasibility study must:

(1) examine the cost-effectiveness of the use of a health passport in conjunction with the coordination of health care services under each program;

(2) identify any barriers to the implementation of the health passport developed for each program and recommend strategies for the removal of those barriers;

(3) examine whether the use of a health passport will improve the quality of care for children described in Subsection (b) of this section; and

(4) determine the fiscal impact to this state of the proposed initiative.

(d) Not later than January 1, 2009, the Health and Human Services Commission shall submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and presiding officers of each standing committee of the legislature with jurisdiction over the commission a written report containing the findings of the study and the commission's recommendations.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2009.