

Amend **SB 993** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering existing SECTIONS appropriately:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter H, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 301.355 to read as follows:

Sec. 301.355. POLICIES APPLICABLE TO NURSES EMPLOYED BY MEDICAL AND DENTAL UNITS. (a) The president of a medical and dental unit, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, shall determine whether a nurse who is employed by the unit for practice in patient care or in clinical activities is a full-time employee for purposes of:

(1) employees group benefits under Chapter 1551, Insurance Code;

(2) leave under Chapter 661, Government Code; and

(3) longevity pay under Section 659.043, Government Code.

(b) A determination under Subsection (a) does not entitle a nurse who works less than 40 hours a week to the full state contribution to the cost of any coverage or benefit. However, from money other than money appropriated from the general revenue fund, the medical and dental unit may contribute to the cost of any coverage or benefit an amount that exceeds the state contribution.