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H.B. No. 919

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to coverage for certain mental disorders in children under
3 a health coverage plan established by the Teacher Retirement System
4 of Texas under the Texas School Employees Uniform Group Health
5 Coverage Act.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 1579.107 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 1579.107. CERTAIN MENTAL DISORDERS IN CHILDREN. (a)
10 In this section, "child" means a person younger than 19 years of
11 age.

12 (b) A health coverage plan under this chapter must include
13 coverage for an enrollee who is a child for the diagnosis and
14 treatment of anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa, as defined by
15 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fourth
16 edition, or a subsequent edition of that manual that the
17 commissioner by rule adopts for the purposes of this section.
18 Except as provided by this section, coverage required under this
19 subsection must be provided under the same terms and conditions as
20 coverage for diagnosis and treatment of physical illness.

21 (c) Coverage required under this section may be provided or
22 offered through a managed care plan.

23 (d) Except as provided by this subsection, the health
24 coverage plan must cover inpatient stays and outpatient visits

1 under this section under the same terms and conditions as the plan
2 covers inpatient stays and outpatient visits for treatment of a
3 physical illness. Coverage required by this section may not be
4 subject to an annual or lifetime limit on the number of days of
5 inpatient treatment or the number of outpatient visits covered
6 under the plan.

7 (e) Coverage provided under this section must be subject to
8 the same amount limits, deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance
9 factors as coverage for physical illness.

10 (f) The trustee shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
11 this section.

12 SECTION 2. (a) On or before September 1, 2012, the Sunset
13 Advisory Commission shall conduct a study to determine:

14 (1) to what extent the health benefit plan coverage
15 required by Section 1579.107, Insurance Code, as added by this Act,
16 is being used by enrollees in health coverage plans to which that
17 section applies; and

18 (2) the impact of the required coverage on the cost of
19 those health coverage plans.

20 (b) The Sunset Advisory Commission shall report its
21 findings under this section to the legislature on or before January
22 1, 2013.

23 (c) The Teacher Retirement System of Texas, the Texas
24 Department of Insurance, and any other state agency shall cooperate
25 with the Sunset Advisory Commission as necessary to implement this
26 section.

27 SECTION 3. This Act applies only to group health coverage

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1 under Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, as amended by this Act, on or
2 after September 1, 2007.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.