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H.B. No. 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the asset test for determining eligibility for the child health plan program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 62.101, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) The eligibility standards adopted under Subsection (b) related to allowable assets:

(1) must allow a family to own at least \$10,000 in allowable assets; and

(2) may not consider for eligibility purposes:

(A) one vehicle, or, if two individuals considered in the calculation of family income are working, two vehicles;

(B) the value of a vehicle, to the extent of any amount owed on the vehicle;

(C) a right to receive retirement benefits in the future and the amount contributed to a retirement plan or system by or on behalf of an individual if the individual cannot withdraw the contributions without penalty; or

(D) a retirement or education savings account established in accordance with federal law if the amounts contained in the accounts cannot be withdrawn for use for general purposes without penalty.

1           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.