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H.B. No. 3576

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the child health plan program.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other law, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission may adopt rules to expand participation in and health benefits offered under the child health plan program. Rules adopted under this Act may include:

(1) new eligibility standards, including income disregards and offsets;

(2) standards to lengthen the period of continuous eligibility;

(3) rules to expand the scope of services offered under the program;

(4) rules to shorten or eliminate any waiting period; and

(5) rules to expand marketing and outreach for the program.

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