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S.B. No. 1726

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study and report of the feasibility of providing a
3 health passport to children receiving Medicaid or enrolled in the
4 state child health plan program.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

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

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

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

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

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

19 (c) The feasibility study must:

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

23 (2) identify any barriers to the implementation of the
24 health passport developed for each program and recommend strategies

1 for the removal of those barriers;

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

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

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

13 (e) This Act expires September 1, 2009.

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