

AN ACT

relating to informing the parents and guardians of certain children about the availability of the child health plan and medical assistance programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1551.159, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) The board of trustees shall establish procedures by which the parent or guardian of a child no longer eligible for dependent child coverage under this section due to an employee's termination of state employment is, through the former employing state agency:

(1) informed that the child may be eligible to receive similar benefits under the child health plan program under Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code, or the medical assistance program under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code; and

(2) provided information regarding how to apply for benefits under those programs.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2009, the board of trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas shall establish the procedures required by Section 1551.159(i), Insurance Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 582 was passed by the House on April 15, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 582 was passed by the Senate on May 14, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor