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H.B. No. 582

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to informing the parents and guardians of certain children
3 about the availability of the child health plan and medical
4 assistance programs.

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

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

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

13 (1) informed that the child may be eligible to receive
14 similar benefits under the child health plan program under Chapter
15 62, Health and Safety Code, or the medical assistance program under
16 Chapter 32, Human Resources Code; and

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

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

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 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.