

1-1 By: Dukes (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 582
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2009;
1-3 April 27, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 6, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 6, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to informing the parents and guardians of certain children
1-9 about the availability of the child health plan and medical
1-10 assistance programs.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 1551.159, Insurance Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

1-14 (i) The board of trustees shall establish procedures by
1-15 which the parent or guardian of a child no longer eligible for
1-16 dependent child coverage under this section due to an employee's
1-17 termination of state employment is, through the former employing
1-18 state agency:

1-19 (1) informed that the child may be eligible to receive
1-20 similar benefits under the child health plan program under Chapter
1-21 62, Health and Safety Code, or the medical assistance program under
1-22 Chapter 32, Human Resources Code; and

1-23 (2) provided information regarding how to apply for
1-24 benefits under those programs.

1-25 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2009, the board of
1-26 trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas shall
1-27 establish the procedures required by Section 1551.159(i),
1-28 Insurance Code, as added by this Act.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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