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H.B. No. 745

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a strategic plan for the child health plan and medical
3 assistance programs.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

6 (1) "Child health plan program" means the state child
7 health plan program established under Chapter 62, Health and Safety
8 Code.

9 (2) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
10 Commission.

11 (3) "Executive commissioner" means the executive
12 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.

13 (4) "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program
14 under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code.

15 (b) Not later than September 1, 2010, the executive
16 commissioner by rule shall develop a strategic plan designed to:

17 (1) intensify community outreach and education
18 relating to the availability of benefits under the child health
19 plan and Medicaid programs; and

20 (2) reduce the paperwork and other administrative
21 burdens associated with determining eligibility for and enrolling
22 eligible individuals in the child health plan program and Medicaid.

23 (c) Not later than September 1, 2011, the commission shall
24 implement the plan developed under Subsection (b) of this section.

1 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
2 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
3 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
4 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
5 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
6 waiver or authorization is granted.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.