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H.B. No. 2611

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to establishing an interim committee to study the
3 provision of dental services to certain public school students.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Interim Select Committee on Dental
6 Services for Public School Students is established to study the
7 advisability and feasibility of requiring dental examinations for
8 public school students who are entering the first grade. The
9 committee's study must include an analysis of:

10 (1) the advantages and disadvantages of requiring a
11 dental examination performed by a dentist for each student not
12 earlier than the 180th day before or later than the 30th day after
13 the date the student enters the first grade; and

14 (2) the costs associated with requiring a dental
15 examination as described by Subdivision (1) of this subsection.

16 (b) The committee is composed of 10 members appointed as
17 follows:

18 (1) three members appointed by the lieutenant
19 governor, two of whom must be senators and the other one of whom
20 must be a nonelected individual who holds a license under Subtitle
21 D, Title 3, Occupations Code;

22 (2) three members appointed by the speaker of the
23 house of representatives, two of whom must be members of the house
24 and the other one of whom must be a nonelected individual who holds

1 a license under Subtitle D, Title 3, Occupations Code;

2 (3) three members appointed by the governor, one of
3 whom must be a nonelected individual who holds a license under
4 Subtitle D, Title 3, Occupations Code, and the other two of whom may
5 not be employed by a governmental entity; and

6 (4) one member, appointed by the executive director of
7 the State Board of Dental Examiners, who may not be employed by a
8 governmental entity.

9 (c) Not later than December 1, 2009, the committee shall
10 hold an organizational meeting. At that meeting, the committee
11 shall elect a presiding officer from among its members. Committee
12 meetings shall be held at the call of the presiding officer.

13 (d) The committee has all other powers and duties provided
14 to a special or select committee by the rules of the senate and
15 house of representatives, by Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government
16 Code, and by policies of the senate and house committees on
17 administration.

18 (e) From the contingent expense fund of the senate and the
19 contingent expense fund of the house of representatives equally,
20 the members of the committee are entitled to reimbursement for
21 expenses incurred in carrying out this Act in accordance with the
22 rules of the senate and house of representatives and the policies of
23 the senate and house committees on administration.

24 (f) Not later than February 1, 2011, the committee shall
25 report the committee's findings and recommendations resulting from
26 the study to the governor, lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
27 house of representatives, and the members of the legislature.

1 SECTION 2. Not later than November 1, 2009, the lieutenant
2 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
3 governor shall appoint members to the Interim Select Committee on
4 Dental Services for Public School Students established under
5 Section 1 of this Act.

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