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H.B. No. 3074

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to availability of health coverage for certain employees of institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1551.101, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) An employee designated by an institution of higher education as an instructional employee working less than 40 and at least 20 hours a week is eligible to participate in the group benefits program as a full-time employee.

SECTION 2. Section 1551.319(a), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A full-time employee and each instructional employee described by Section 1551.101(f) receives the benefits of a full state contribution for coverage under this chapter.

SECTION 3. Section 1601.201, Insurance Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (c-1), for ~~For~~ an employee designated by the system as working less than 40 hours a week, including an individual employed by the system in a position that as a condition of employment requires the individual to be enrolled as a student in the system in graduate-level courses, the system, from money appropriated from the general revenue fund, may

1 contribute:

2 (1) not more than 50 percent of the cost of basic  
3 coverage for the employee; and

4 (2) not more than 25 percent of the cost of dependent  
5 coverage.

6 (c-1) For a part-time instructional employee designated by  
7 a system as working less than 40 and at least 20 hours a week, the  
8 system may contribute:

9 (1) the full cost of basic coverage for the employee;  
10 and

11 (2) not more than 50 percent of the cost of dependent  
12 coverage.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.