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S.B. No. 593

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the expansion of services provided under the child
3 health plan program for certain adolescents.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 62.151, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to
7 read as follows:

8 (c) In developing the plan, the commission, except as
9 provided by Subsection (c-1), shall ensure that primary and
10 preventive health benefits do not include reproductive services,
11 other than prenatal care and care related to diseases, illnesses,
12 or abnormalities related to the reproductive system.

13 (c-1) The commission shall ensure that an enrolled
14 adolescent who is at least 16 years of age has access to
15 comprehensive family planning services, except services related to
16 abortion or emergency contraception, as a covered benefit if the
17 adolescent already has at least one child.

18 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
19 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
20 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
21 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
22 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
23 waiver or authorization is granted.

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