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S.B. No. 957

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the ability of a county, public hospital, or hospital  
3 district to purchase or arrange for the purchase of certain health  
4 coverage or benefits for eligible residents.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 61.029, Health and Safety Code, is  
7 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) A county may provide or arrange to provide health care  
9 services for eligible county residents through the purchase of  
10 health coverage or other health benefits, including benefits  
11 described by Chapter 75.

12 SECTION 2. Section 61.056, Health and Safety Code, is  
13 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

14 (d) A public hospital or hospital district may provide or  
15 arrange to provide health care services for eligible residents  
16 through the purchase of health coverage or other health benefits,  
17 including benefits described by Chapter 75. For purposes of this  
18 subsection, the board of directors or managers of the hospital or  
19 district has the powers and duties provided to the commissioners  
20 court of a county under Chapter 75.

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