

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 957  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 19, 2009; March 9, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 March 26, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 26, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the ability of a county, public hospital, or hospital  
1-9 district to purchase or arrange for the purchase of certain health  
1-10 coverage or benefits for eligible residents.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 61.029, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-13 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-14 (c) A county may provide or arrange to provide health care  
1-15 services for eligible county residents through the purchase of  
1-16 health coverage or other health benefits, including benefits  
1-17 described by Chapter 75.

1-18 SECTION 2. Section 61.056, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-19 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-20 (d) A public hospital or hospital district may provide or  
1-21 arrange to provide health care services for eligible residents  
1-22 through the purchase of health coverage or other health benefits,  
1-23 including benefits described by Chapter 75. For purposes of this  
1-24 subsection, the board of directors or managers of the hospital or  
1-25 district has the powers and duties provided to the commissioners  
1-26 court of a county under Chapter 75.

1-27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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