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S.B. No. 2577

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to bariatric surgery coverage for state employees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 1551, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1551.225 to read as follows:

Sec. 1551.225. BARIATRIC SURGERY COVERAGE. (a) The board of trustees shall develop a cost-neutral or cost-positive plan for providing under the group benefits program bariatric surgery coverage for employees eligible to participate in the program under Section 1551.101.

(b) The board of trustees may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. The board of trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas shall implement the plan required by Section 1551.225, Insurance Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable, but not later than September 1, 2010.

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