

Amend **CSSB 1** (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES and SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. ABOLISHING STATE KIDS INSURANCE PROGRAM.

(a) Section 62.101, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A child who is the dependent of an employee of an agency of this state and who meets the requirements of Subsection (a) may be eligible for health benefits coverage in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1397jj(b)(6) and any other applicable law or regulations.

(b) Sections 1551.159 and 1551.312, Insurance Code, are repealed.

(c) The State Kids Insurance Program operated by the Employees Retirement System of Texas is abolished on the effective date of this Act. The Health and Human Services Commission shall:

(1) establish a process in cooperation with the Employees Retirement System of Texas to facilitate the enrollment of eligible children in the child health plan program established under Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code, on or before the date those children are scheduled to stop receiving dependent child coverage under the State Kids Insurance Program; and

(2) modify any applicable administrative procedures to ensure that children described by this subsection maintain continuous health benefits coverage while transitioning from enrollment in the State Kids Insurance Program to enrollment in the child health plan program.