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H.B. No. 2933

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the collection of data related to health benefit plan claims for the treatment of a child's serious mental illness.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 38, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 38.2521 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.2521. DATA RELATED TO CHILD'S SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. (a) In addition to the requirements of Section 38.252, the commissioner by rule shall require health benefit plan issuers, including the Employees Retirement System of Texas and the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, to report to the department the number, type, and geographic location of claims for the treatment of a serious mental illness of a child younger than 18 years of age.

(b) The department shall compile statistics from the information reported under this section and make the statistics available on the department's Internet website in a user-friendly format.

(c) The commissioner may not require reporting of data:

(1) that could reasonably be used to identify a specific enrollee in a health benefit plan; or

(2) that in any way violates confidentiality requirements of state or federal law applicable to an enrollee in a health benefit plan.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of insurance may not require

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1 reporting under Section 38.2521, Insurance Code, as added by this
2 Act, with respect to claims for the treatment of a child's serious
3 mental illness made before January 1, 2012.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.