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H.B. No. 3373

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to state contribution to the cost of certain dependents'
3 participation in the group benefits program for state employees and
4 their dependents.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 1551.310, Insurance Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 1551.310. STATE CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED. (a) Subject to
9 Subsection (b), the [The] state shall contribute to the cost of each
10 participant's group coverages, including dependents' group
11 coverages, the amounts appropriated for the coverages in the
12 General Appropriations Act.

13 (b) The state may not contribute more than 90 percent of the
14 amount that the state contributes for the group coverage of a
15 dependent under Subsection (a) for a spouse who participates in the
16 group benefits program in lieu of participating in another health
17 benefit plan in which the spouse is eligible to participate,
18 including a health benefit plan offered by the spouse's employer.

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
20 to group coverage provided under Chapter 1551, Insurance Code, for
21 a plan year beginning on or after September 1, 2011. A plan year
22 that begins before that date is governed by the law as it existed
23 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is
24 continued in effect for that purpose.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.