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S.B. No. 169

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to coverage for autism spectrum disorder under certain health benefit plans offered to state employees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1355.002(b), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding any provision in Chapter 1551, 1575, or 1579 or in any other law, Section 1355.015 applies to:

- (1) a basic coverage plan under Chapter 1551;
- (2) a basic plan under Chapter 1575; and
- (3) [~~(2)~~] a primary care coverage plan under Chapter 1579.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a basic coverage plan provided under Chapter 1551, Insurance Code, beginning with the 2011-2012 plan year. A plan year before 2011-2012 is governed by the law as it existed immediately before September 1, 2011, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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