

1-1 By: Callegari (Senate Sponsor - Duncan) H.B. No. 2155  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;  
 1-3 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 14, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 14, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Duncan	X			
1-8 Deuell	X			
1-9 Ellis	X			
1-10 Fraser	X			
1-11 Huffman	X			
1-12 Lucio	X			
1-13 Nichols	X			
1-14 Van de Putte	X			
1-15 Williams			X	

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to eligibility of certain dependents for coverage under  
 1-20 the state employee group benefits program.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 1551.004(a), Insurance Code, is amended  
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (a) In this chapter, "dependent" with respect to an  
 1-25 individual eligible to participate in the group benefits program  
 1-26 means the individual's:

- 1-27 (1) spouse;
- 1-28 (2) unmarried child younger than 26 years of age;
- 1-29 (3) child of any age who the board of trustees  
 1-30 determines lives with or has the child's care provided by the  
 1-31 individual on a regular basis if[+]

1-32 [~~(A)~~] the child is mentally or physically  
 1-33 incapacitated to the extent that the child is dependent on the  
 1-34 individual for care or support, as determined by the board of  
 1-35 trustees;

1-36 [~~(B) the child's coverage under this chapter has~~  
 1-37 ~~not lapsed; and~~

1-38 [~~(C) the child is at least 26 years old and:~~  
 1-39 [~~(i) was enrolled as a participant in the~~  
 1-40 ~~health benefits coverage under the group benefits program on the~~  
 1-41 ~~date of the child's 26th birthday; or~~

1-42 [~~(ii) on the date the individual became~~  
 1-43 ~~eligible to participate in the group benefits program, was enrolled~~  
 1-44 ~~as the individual's dependent in health benefits coverage under~~  
 1-45 ~~Chapter 1575, 1579, or 1601 or in continuation of that dependent~~  
 1-46 ~~coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act~~  
 1-47 ~~of 1985 (Pub. L. No. 99-272) and its subsequent amendments;]~~

1-48 (4) child of any age who is unmarried, for purposes of  
 1-49 health benefit coverage under this chapter, on expiration of the  
 1-50 child's continuation coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus  
 1-51 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Pub. L. No. 99-272) and its  
 1-52 subsequent amendments; and

1-53 (5) ward, as that term is defined by Section 601, Texas  
 1-54 Probate Code, who is 26 years of age or younger.

1-55 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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