



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend H.B. No. 3453 (house committee printing) by striking
2 all below the enacting clause and substituting following:

3 SECTION 1. INTERIM COMMITTEE; STUDY. (a) A joint interim
4 committee on TRS ActiveCare is established to study:

5 (1) the impact of allowing school districts and other
6 participating entities in the uniform group coverage program for
7 active employees under Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, to opt out
8 of that program;

9 (2) the impact, should participating entities be
10 authorized to opt out of the program, of allowing or prohibiting
11 future participation by previous participating entities that
12 have opted out; and

13 (3) the impact of establishing a regional rating
14 method for determining premiums charged in different regions of
15 the state for the benefits provided under a group coverage plan
16 established under the program.

17 (b) The joint interim committee shall be composed of six
18 senators appointed by the lieutenant governor and six members of
19 the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
20 house of representatives.

21 (c) The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of
22 representatives shall each designate a co-chair from among the
23 joint interim committee members.

24 (d) The joint interim committee shall convene at the joint
25 call of the co-chairs.

26 (e) The joint interim committee has all other powers and
27 duties provided to a special or select committee by the rules of
28 the senate and house of representatives, by Subchapter B,
29 Chapter 301, Government Code, and by policies of the senate and

1 house committees on administration.

2 (f) Not later than January 1, 2017, the joint interim
3 committee shall report the committee's findings and
4 recommendations to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
5 house of representatives, the governor, the Teacher Retirement
6 System of Texas, and each house and senate standing committee
7 with primary jurisdiction over primary and secondary education
8 or health benefit plan coverage.

9 (g) From the contingent expense fund of the senate and the
10 contingent expense fund of the house of representatives equally,
11 the members of the joint interim committee shall be reimbursed
12 for expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Act
13 in accordance with the senate and house of representatives rules
14 of procedure and the policies of the committees on
15 administration. Other necessary expenses of operation shall be
16 paid from the contingent expense fund of the senate and the
17 contingent expense fund of the house of representatives equally.

18 SECTION 2. ABOLITION OF COMMITTEE. The joint interim
19 committee on TRS ActiveCare created by this Act is abolished and
20 this Act expires September 1, 2017.

21 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
22 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the
23 members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39,
24 Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive
25 the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect
26 September 1, 2015.