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S.B. No. 1033

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to relating to the definition of a dependent for health benefit plans offered by certain university systems.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1601.004, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b)(2), "spouse" means:

(1) a husband or wife; or

(2) a member of a civil union or similar relationship

that is entered into in this state or another state and is between individuals of the same sex.

(d) Subsection (c) takes effect only if the United States Supreme Court or other court of competent jurisdiction holds invalid, enjoins, or otherwise prevents enforcement of any law in this state that prohibits:

(1) the marriage of individuals of the same sex; or

(2) the recognition of a civil union or similar relationship entered into in another state between individuals of the same sex.

SECTION 2. 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, 2015.