

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 1940
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 8, 2015,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 8, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Huffman	X			
1-8 Ellis			X	
1-9 Birdwell	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Estes	X			
1-12 Fraser	X			
1-13 Nelson	X			
1-14 Schwertner	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1940 By: Huffman

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the creation of a joint interim committee to undertake a
 1-21 study of health benefit plans administered by the Teacher
 1-22 Retirement System of Texas.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. CREATION OF JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE. (a) A
 1-25 joint interim committee is created to study and review the health
 1-26 benefit plans, including TRS-Care and TRS-ActiveCare, operated
 1-27 under Chapters 1575 and 1579, Insurance Code, and propose reforms
 1-28 to address issues described by Section 2 of this Act.

1-29 (b) The joint interim committee shall be composed of three
 1-30 senators appointed by the lieutenant governor and three members of
 1-31 the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
 1-32 of representatives.

1-33 (c) The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of
 1-34 representatives shall each designate a co-chair from among the
 1-35 joint interim committee members.

1-36 (d) The joint interim committee shall convene at the joint
 1-37 call of the co-chairs.

1-38 (e) The joint interim committee has all other powers and
 1-39 duties provided to a special or select committee by the rules of the
 1-40 senate and house of representatives, by Subchapter B, Chapter 301,
 1-41 Government Code, and by policies of the senate and house committees
 1-42 on administration.

1-43 SECTION 2. INTERIM STUDY REGARDING CERTAIN HEALTH BENEFIT
 1-44 PLANS. The joint interim committee created by Section 1 of this Act
 1-45 shall study the health benefit plans, including TRS-Care and
 1-46 TRS-ActiveCare, operated under Chapters 1575 and 1579, Insurance
 1-47 Code, to examine and assess the following issues:

1-48 (1) the financial soundness of the plans;

1-49 (2) the cost and affordability of plan coverage to
 1-50 persons eligible for coverage under the plans; and

1-51 (3) the sufficiency of access to physicians and health
 1-52 care providers under the plans.

1-53 SECTION 3. COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1-54 (a) Not later than January 15, 2017, the joint interim committee
 1-55 shall report the committee's findings and recommendations to the
 1-56 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
 1-57 and the governor. The joint interim committee shall include in its
 1-58 recommendations specific statutory and regulatory changes that
 1-59 appear necessary from the results of the committee's study under
 1-60 Section 2 of this Act.

2-1 (b) Not later than the 60th day after the effective date of
2-2 this Act, the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of
2-3 representatives shall appoint the members of the joint interim
2-4 committee created under Section 1 of this Act in accordance with
2-5 that section.

2-6 SECTION 4. ABOLITION OF COMMITTEE. The joint interim
2-7 committee created by this Act is abolished and this Act expires
2-8 January 20, 2017.

2-9 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
2-10 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
2-11 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
2-12 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
2-13 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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