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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to withdrawal of participating entities with more than
- 3 1,000 employees from the uniform group coverage program for active
- 4 school employees.

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- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, is
- 7 amended by adding Section 1579.155 to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 1579.155. WITHDRAWAL OF PARTICIPATING ENTITY WITH MORE
- 9 THAN 1,000 EMPLOYEES. (a) A participating entity that has more
- 10 than 1,000 employees may withdraw from the program, notwithstanding
- 11 any previous election or requirement to participate, by notifying
- 12 the trustee in writing that the entity is withdrawing from the
- 13 program.
- 14 (b) Withdrawal from the program under this section is
- 15 effective on the earliest September 1 that occurs after the
- 16 earliest March 1 after the date the entity provides the notice
- 17 required by Subsection (a).
- 18 (c) A participating entity that withdraws from the program
- 19 under this section may not resume participation in the program.
- 20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.