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H.B. No. 3291

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to education employees uniform group health coverage.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1579.101, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The trustee shall offer a coverage plan that is at least as comprehensive as the plan designated as TRS ActiveCare 2 offered on January 1, 2017.

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Sections 1579.2515 and 1579.256 to read as follows:

Sec. 1579.2515. ADDITIONAL STATE ASSISTANCE. In addition to the amount contributed under Section 1579.251, the state shall assist employees of participating school districts, charter schools, regional education service centers, and educational districts described by Section 1579.002(5)(B) in the purchase of group health coverage under this chapter by providing for each covered employee:

(1) for the 2017-2018 plan year, an amount not less than \$900;

(2) for the 2018-2019 plan year, an amount not less than \$1,800; and

(3) for the 2019-2020 plan year and each plan year thereafter, an amount not less than the lesser of:

1 (A) the amount paid for each covered employee in
2 the previous plan year plus \$900; or

3 (B) the amount that, when added to the minimum
4 required contribution under Section 1579.251 by a participating
5 entity, equals 70 percent of total contributions made for
6 employee-only coverage under the plan described by Section
7 1579.101(e).

8 Sec. 1579.256. BIENNIAL ESTIMATE. Not later than December
9 1 of each even-numbered year, the trustee shall submit to the
10 Legislative Budget Board an estimate of the amount of contributions
11 expected to be received for the coverage plan designated as TRS
12 ActiveCare 2 for the next two fiscal years.

13 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
14 plan year.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.