

1-1 By: Buckingham S.B. No. 922  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 15, 2017;  
1-3 February 28, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Health & Human Services; April 18, 2017, reported adversely, with  
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays  
1-6 0; April 18, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>Schwertner</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Uresti</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Buckingham</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Burton</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Kolkhorst</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Miles</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Perry</u>	X		
1-16	<u>Taylor of Collin</u>	X		
1-17	<u>Watson</u>	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 922 By: Buckingham

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the reimbursement of certain providers under the  
1-22 Medicaid program for the provision of telehealth services.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
1-25 amended by adding Section 531.02171 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 531.02171. REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN TELEHEALTH  
1-27 SERVICES. (a) In this section, "health professional" means an  
1-28 individual who is:

1-29 (1) licensed, registered, certified, or otherwise  
1-30 authorized by this state to practice as a social worker,  
1-31 occupational therapist, or speech-language pathologist;

1-32 (2) a licensed professional counselor; or

1-33 (3) a licensed specialist in school psychology.

1-34 (b) The commission shall ensure that Medicaid reimbursement  
1-35 is provided to a school district or open-enrollment charter school  
1-36 for telehealth services provided through the school district or  
1-37 charter school by a health professional, even if the health  
1-38 professional is not the patient's primary care provider, if:

1-39 (1) the school district or charter school is an  
1-40 authorized health care provider under Medicaid; and

1-41 (2) the parent or legal guardian of the patient  
1-42 provides consent before the service is provided.

1-43 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
1-44 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
1-45 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
1-46 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
1-47 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
1-48 waiver or authorization is granted.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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