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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to health coverage for employees of a municipal school district.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter D, Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1579.156 to read as follows:

Sec. 1579.156.  PARTICIPATION BY MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT. (a) A municipal school district, as described by Section 11.303, Education Code, that was operating on January 1, 2019, may:

(1)  elect to participate in the program; or

(2)  notwithstanding any previous election or requirement to participate in the program, provide health coverage to the district's employees through the health coverage plan provided to the employees of the municipality in which the district is located.

(b)  If a municipal school district that participates in the program elects to provide health coverage under Subsection (a)(2), the municipal school district shall withdraw from the program by notifying the trustee in writing that the district is withdrawing from the program.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.