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By:  Hancock S.B. No. 1359

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a pilot program for the provision of health coverage for school district employees in certain school districts.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter D, Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1579.155 to read as follows:

Sec. 1579.155.  PILOT PROGRAM. (a) A school district with the second largest student enrollment in a county that has a population of 1.8 million or more and that is adjacent to a county with a population of 2.2 million, including a school district required to participate under Section 1579.151, may elect to withdraw from the program and establish a pilot program to provide health coverage to the district's employees.

(b)  A school district that elects to withdraw from the program and establish a pilot program shall:

(1)  notify the trustee not later than September 30, 2019; and

(2)  withdraw from the program effective not later than August 31, 2020.

(c)  Not later than December 31 of each of the first three years after a school district has established a pilot program under this section, the district shall report baseline and longitudinal data relating to the health coverage obtained for district employees to the trustee and the legislature.

(d)  To minimize the impact of adverse selection, a school district that withdraws from the program under this section may resume participation in the program effective not earlier than the 10th anniversary of the effective date of withdrawal.

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