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H.B. No. 3276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to state assistance for school employees uniform group health coverage.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.260(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a school district or participating charter school may use the sum of the following amounts of funds only to pay contributions under a group health coverage plan for district or school employees:

(1) the amount determined by multiplying the amount of \$1,800 [~~\$900~~] or the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act for that year for purposes of the state contribution under Section 1579.251, Insurance Code, by the number of district or school employees who participate in a group health coverage plan provided by or through the district or school; and

(2) the difference between the amount necessary for the district or school to comply with Section 1581.052, Insurance Code, for the school year and the amount the district or school is required to use to provide health coverage under Section 1581.051, Insurance Code, for that year.

SECTION 2. Section 1579.251, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1579.251. STATE ASSISTANCE. (a) The state shall

1 assist employees of participating school districts and charter
2 schools in the purchase of group health coverage under this chapter
3 by providing for each covered employee the amount of \$1,800 [~~\$900~~]
4 each state fiscal year or a greater amount as provided by the
5 General Appropriations Act. The state contribution shall be
6 distributed through the school finance formulas under Chapters 41
7 and 42, Education Code, and used by school districts and charter
8 schools as provided by Section 42.260, Education Code.

9 (b) The state shall assist employees of participating
10 regional education service centers and educational districts
11 described by Section 1579.002(5)(B) in the purchase of group health
12 coverage under this chapter by providing to the employing service
13 center or educational district, for each covered employee, the
14 amount of \$1,800 [~~\$900~~] each state fiscal year or a greater amount
15 as provided by the General Appropriations Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
17 school year.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.