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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.

1        (d) To minimize the impact of adverse selection, a school  
2 district that withdraws from the program under this section may  
3 resume participation in the program effective not earlier than the  
4 10th anniversary of the effective date of withdrawal.

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