

AN ACT

relating to employment policies for certain health care providers employed by medical and dental units.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.977, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.977. EMPLOYMENT POLICIES FOR CERTAIN PERSONS EMPLOYED BY [~~NURSES IN~~] MEDICAL AND DENTAL UNITS. (a) The president of a medical and dental unit, as defined by Section 61.003, shall determine whether a person [~~nurse~~] employed by the unit for patient care or clinical activities is a full-time employee for purposes of:

(1) employees group benefits under Chapter 1551 or 1601, Insurance Code;

(2) leave under Chapter 661 or 662, Government Code; and

(3) longevity pay under Section 659.043, Government Code.

(b) A determination under Subsection (a) does not entitle a person [~~nurse~~] who works less than 40 hours a week to the full state contribution to the cost of any coverage or benefits. However, from money other than money appropriated from the general revenue fund, the employing medical and dental unit may contribute to that cost amounts in excess of the state contribution.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2270 passed the Senate on April 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2270 passed the House on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 123, Nays 21, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor