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S.B. No. 2270

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.