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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: Gates

Amend S.B. 1

**Employee Retirement System  
Group Benefits Bundled-Pricing Program**

On page I-36 of the Employee Retirement System bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Group Benefits Bundled-Pricing Program.** To achieve greater governmental transparency and maximize health care shared savings, it is the intent of the Legislature that out of funds appropriated above under Strategy B.1.1, Group Benefits Program, the board of trustees develop, implement, and maintain a cost-benefit, bundled-pricing program for health benefit plans provided under the Texas Group Benefits Program, and adopt program rules to maximize shared savings through direct, consolidated rate contracts with health care facilities, physicians, and health care providers for inpatient and outpatient procedures and services covered under a group benefits plan; provided that, healthcare facilities, physicians, and healthcare providers are not required to participate in the program. A program participant may disclose a consolidated rate for a bundled-pricing program; and program information, including a list of participating facilities, physicians, and providers, and transparent cost comparisons shall be published on the Employee Retirement System website. The board shall release an annual report which includes annual program participation rate and cost savings to the state.