By:  Leach (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 1342

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2021; May 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 14, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 14, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Taylor            X

Lucio                X

Bettencourt          X

Hall                 X

Hughes                        X

Menéndez             X

Paxton               X

Perry                X

Powell               X

Schwertner           X

West                 X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of certain health information and other information to school districts and other participating entities in the Texas school employees uniform group health coverage program.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1579.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 1579.010.  PARTICIPATING ENTITY REQUEST FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), the trustee shall provide to a participating entity any de-identified health information, enrollment information, or other relevant information available to the trustee as requested by the entity in connection with a search for alternative health benefit plan coverage for the entity's employees and the employees' dependents.

(b)  The information provided by the trustee under this section may not include any personally identifying information of a covered individual that would be prohibited from disclosure under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-191) and regulations adopted under that Act.

(c)  The trustee shall provide the information requested under this section at no cost to the requesting participating entity, in accordance with the procedures developed by the trustee for that purpose.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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