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H.B. No. 2600

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fiscal impact statements for legislation imposing mandates on health benefit plan issuers.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 314, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 314.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 314.006. FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN MANDATES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Enrollee" means an individual who is enrolled in a health benefit plan, including a covered dependent.

(2) "Health benefit plan issuer" means an insurer, health maintenance organization, or other entity authorized to provide health benefits coverage under the laws of this state.

(3) "Health care provider" means a physician or other person who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to provide a health care service in this state.

(b) The board shall prepare a fiscal impact statement for each bill or joint resolution that requires a health benefit plan issuer to provide new health benefits, increase payments to health care providers, or implement new contractual or administrative requirements.

(c) The fiscal impact statement must estimate the effect of the bill or joint resolution on health benefit plan issuer expenditures and on premiums and other costs paid by enrollees.

1 (d) The fiscal impact statement must be attached to the bill
2 or joint resolution immediately following:

3 (1) the fiscal note attached under Section [314.003](#); or

4 (2) another statement attached under this chapter.

5 SECTION 2. Section 314.006, Government Code, as added by
6 this Act, applies only to a bill or joint resolution filed on or
7 after the effective date of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.