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S.B. No. 2096

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to education employees uniform group health coverage.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48.275(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a school district or participating charter school may use the sum of the following amounts of funds only to pay contributions under a group health coverage plan for district or school employees:

(1) the amount determined by multiplying the amount of \$1,800 [~~\$900~~] or the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act for that year for purposes of the state contribution under Section 1579.251, Insurance Code, by the number of district or school employees who participate in a group health coverage plan provided by or through the district or school; and

(2) the difference between the amount necessary for the district or school to comply with Section 1581.052, Insurance Code, for the school year and the amount the district or school is required to use to provide health coverage under Section 1581.051, Insurance Code, for that year.

SECTION 2. Section 1579.251, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1579.251. STATE ASSISTANCE. (a) The state shall assist employees of participating school districts and charter

1 schools in the purchase of group health coverage under this chapter  
2 by providing for each covered employee the amount of \$1,800 [~~\$900~~]  
3 each state fiscal year or a greater amount as provided by the  
4 General Appropriations Act. The state contribution shall be  
5 distributed through the school finance formulas under Chapters 48  
6 and 49, Education Code, and used by school districts and charter  
7 schools as provided by Section 48.275, Education Code.

8 (b) The state shall assist employees of participating  
9 regional education service centers and educational districts  
10 described by Section 1579.002(5)(B) in the purchase of group health  
11 coverage under this chapter by providing to the employing service  
12 center or educational district, for each covered employee, the  
13 amount of \$1,800 [~~\$900~~] each state fiscal year or a greater amount  
14 as provided by the General Appropriations Act.

15 SECTION 3. Section 1581.052(a), Insurance Code, is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 (a) A school district, other educational district,  
18 participating charter school, or regional education service center  
19 shall, for each fiscal year, use to provide health coverage an  
20 amount equal to the number of participating employees of the  
21 district, school, or service center multiplied by \$2,400 [~~\$1,800~~].

22 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022  
23 school year.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.