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H.B. No. 2355

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the acceptance of gifts, grants, and donations by the
3 Texas Department of Insurance and the office of public insurance
4 counsel for employee training or education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 31, Insurance Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 31.046 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 31.046. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FOR
9 EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. (a) In addition to
10 money appropriated by the legislature, the department may accept
11 gifts, grants, and donations from any source to provide funding for
12 department employees to participate in educational events or
13 trainings and for other purposes related to employee education,
14 including education relating to:

15 (1) any insurance line, product, or service; or

16 (2) any other topic that may assist the department in
17 performing the department's duties under Section 31.002.

18 (b) The commissioner may adopt rules to administer this
19 section.

20 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 501, Insurance Code, is
21 amended by adding Section 501.106 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 501.106. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS
23 FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF OFFICE EMPLOYEES. In addition to
24 money appropriated by the legislature, the office may accept gifts,

1 grants, and donations from any source to provide funding for the
2 public counsel or office employees to participate in educational
3 events or trainings and for other purposes related to employee
4 education, including education relating to:

5 (1) any insurance line, product, or service; or

6 (2) any other topic that may assist the office in
7 performing the office's duties under this chapter.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.