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S.B. No. 1854

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to optional group benefits for dental and vision care under the Texas Public School Employees Group Insurance Program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1575, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1575.1601 to read as follows:

Sec. 1575.1601. GROUP BENEFITS FOR DENTAL AND VISION CARE.

The trustee shall establish or contract for and make available under the group program the following plans for retirees, dependents, surviving spouses, and surviving dependent children:

(1) an optional plan that provides coverage for dental care; and

(2) an optional plan that provides coverage for vision care.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.