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H.B. No. 2911

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2911:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to participation in the uniform group coverage program for
3 active school employees and additional state aid for public schools
4 that do not participate in that program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 1579.155, Insurance Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
8 follows:

9 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), a [A]
10 participating entity that elects to discontinue participation in
11 the program under Subsection (a) may not elect to:

12 (1) participate in the program until the fifth
13 anniversary of the effective date of the entity's election to
14 discontinue participation; or

15 (2) discontinue the entity's participation after an
16 election described by Subdivision (1) until the fifth anniversary
17 of the effective date of that election.

18 (b-1) A participating entity that elected to discontinue
19 participation in the program between September 1, 2021, and
20 September 1, 2023, may elect to participate in the program before
21 the fifth anniversary of the effective date of that election. For
22 each plan year beginning after the date of a participating entity's
23 election to participate in the program under this subsection until
24 the plan year beginning after the fifth anniversary of that

1 election, the trustee shall impose a risk stabilization fee in an
2 amount determined by the trustee on the premiums of the
3 participating entity. This subsection expires September 1, 2033.

4 SECTION 2. Effective September 1, 2027, Subchapter F,
5 Chapter 48, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 48.276 to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 48.276. ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR CERTAIN GROUP HEALTH
8 COVERAGE. (a) This section applies only to a school district or
9 open-enrollment charter school that does not participate in the
10 uniform group coverage program established under Chapter 1579,
11 Insurance Code.

12 (b) A school district or open-enrollment charter school to
13 which this section applies is entitled to additional state aid for a
14 state fiscal year in an amount equal to the product of:

15 (1) the quotient of:

16 (A) the amount appropriated in the General
17 Appropriations Act to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas for
18 purposes of health care for public education active employees for
19 that state fiscal year; and

20 (B) the total number of employees, as defined by
21 Section 1579.003, Insurance Code; and

22 (2) the number of individuals employed by the district
23 or school.

24 (c) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may
25 use money provided under this section only to pay contributions
26 under a group health coverage plan for district or school
27 employees.

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1 SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.