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H.B. No. 2911

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. This
22 subsection expires September 1, 2030.

23 SECTION 2. Effective September 1, 2027, Subchapter F,
24 Chapter 48, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 48.276 to

1 read as follows:

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

7 (b) A school district or open-enrollment charter school to
8 which this section applies is entitled to additional state aid in an
9 amount equal to the product of:

10 (1) the quotient of:

11 (A) the amount appropriated in the General
12 Appropriations Act to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas for
13 purposes of health care for public education active employees; and

14 (B) the total number of employees employed by
15 districts and schools to which this section applies; and

16 (2) the number of employees employed by the district
17 or school.

18 (c) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may
19 use money provided under this section only to pay contributions
20 under a group health coverage plan for district or school
21 employees.

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