

AN ACT

relating to the election of certain entities to participate in the uniform group coverage program for active school employees; imposing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1579.1551 to read as follows:

Sec. 1579.1551. PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BY CERTAIN ENTITIES.

(a) This section applies to an entity that discontinued participation in the program effective on September 1, 2022, in accordance with Section 1579.155(a).

(b) Notwithstanding Section 1579.155(b), an entity to which this section applies may elect to participate in the program before the fifth anniversary of the effective date of the entity's election to discontinue participation in the program if the entity:

(1) provides written notice to the trustee not later than December 31, 2025, of the entity's election to participate in the program effective beginning September 1, 2026; and

(2) complies with any other requirements established by the trustee for program participation.

(c) For the plan year beginning September 1, 2026, the trustee shall impose a risk stabilization fee in an amount determined by the trustee on the premiums of an entity to which this section applies.

1 (d) An entity that elects to participate in the program in
2 accordance with this section may not elect to discontinue
3 participation until September 1, 2031.

4 (e) The trustee by rule may impose additional requirements,
5 conditions, and deadlines with which an entity to which this
6 section applies must comply to elect to participate in the program
7 in accordance with this section.

8 (f) This section expires September 1, 2031.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

H.B. No. 3126

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3126 was passed by the House on April 29, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 4, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3126 on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 125, Nays 11, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3126 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor