1-1 By: Darby, et al.   H.B. No. 3126
1-2   (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini, et al.)
1-3   (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2025;
1-4 April 30, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Education K-16; May 16, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0;
1-7 May 16, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-8   COMMITTEE VOTE

1-9		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-10	Creighton	X			
1-11	Campbell	X			
1-12	Bettencourt	X			
1-13	Hagenbuch	X			
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-15	King	X			
1-16	Menéndez	X			
1-17	Middleton	X			
1-18	Parker	X			
1-19	Paxton	X			
1-20	West	X			

1-21 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3126   By: Menéndez

1-22   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-23   AN ACT

1-24 relating to the election of certain entities to participate in the
1-25 uniform group coverage program for active school employees;
1-26 imposing a fee.
1-27   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-28   SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, is
1-29 amended by adding Section 1579.1551 to read as follows:
1-30   Sec. 1579.1551. PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BY CERTAIN ENTITIES.
1-31 (a) This section applies to an entity that discontinued
1-32 participation in the program effective on September 1, 2022, in
1-33 accordance with Section 1579.155(a).
1-34   (b) Notwithstanding Section 1579.155(b), an entity to which
1-35 this section applies may elect to participate in the program before
1-36 the fifth anniversary of the effective date of the entity's
1-37 election to discontinue participation in the program if the entity:
1-38   (1) provides written notice to the trustee not later
1-39 than December 31, 2025, of the entity's election to participate in
1-40 the program effective beginning September 1, 2026; and
1-41   (2) complies with any other requirements established
1-42 by the trustee for program participation.
1-43   (c) For the plan year beginning September 1, 2026, the
1-44 trustee shall impose a risk stabilization fee in an amount
1-45 determined by the trustee on the premiums of an entity to which this
1-46 section applies.
1-47   (d) An entity that elects to participate in the program in
1-48 accordance with this section may not elect to discontinue
1-49 participation until September 1, 2031.
1-50   (e) The trustee by rule may impose additional requirements,
1-51 conditions, and deadlines with which an entity to which this
1-52 section applies must comply to elect to participate in the program
1-53 in accordance with this section.
1-54   (f) This section expires September 1, 2031.
1-55   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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