

1-1 By: Brown of Brazos (Senate Sponsor - Patrick) H.B. No. 103
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2009;
1-3 May 15, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 21, 2009, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-6 Nays 0; May 21, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 103 By: Nelson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the operation of certain health benefit plans through
1-11 student health centers of certain institutions of higher education.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 51.953, Education Code,
1-14 is amended to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 51.953. [~~CERTAIN REVENUE RECEIVED FROM~~] STUDENT HEALTH
1-16 CENTER [~~SERVICES~~].

1-17 SECTION 2. Section 51.953, Education Code, is amended by
1-18 adding Subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) to read as
1-19 follows:

1-20 (c) A student health center of an institution of higher
1-21 education with a total student enrollment of more than 20,000
1-22 students in one or more semesters of the preceding academic year
1-23 shall assist a student or other person entitled to obtain health
1-24 care services through the health center in receiving benefits under
1-25 a health benefit plan in which the student or other person is an
1-26 enrollee by filing or having a claim filed with the issuer of the
1-27 health benefit plan on behalf of the student or other person. The
1-28 institution may contract with a third-party billing service to
1-29 provide the assistance required by this subsection.

1-30 (d) An institution of higher education, on behalf of the
1-31 institution's student health center, may contract with a health
1-32 benefit plan issuer that engages in the business of insurance in the
1-33 health service region established by the Department of State Health
1-34 Services in which the institution is located to provide a health
1-35 benefit plan under which health care services are provided to
1-36 students or other persons entitled to obtain health care services
1-37 through the student health center who are covered by the plan.

1-38 (e) An institution of higher education must enter into
1-39 contracts with at least three of the largest health benefit plan
1-40 issuers that engage in the business of insurance in the health
1-41 service region established by the Department of State Health
1-42 Services in which the institution is located under which the
1-43 institution's student health center:

1-44 (1) serves as a preferred provider under the preferred
1-45 provider benefit plans operated by the issuers; or

1-46 (2) operates as a provider of in-network coverage
1-47 under the health maintenance organizations operated by the issuers.

1-48 (f) An institution of higher education may authorize the
1-49 institution's student health center to accept a student's medical
1-50 services fee, as charged by the institution under Chapter 54, as
1-51 payment toward:

1-52 (1) a copayment;

1-53 (2) a deductible; or

1-54 (3) a charge for a service not covered by the student's
1-55 health benefit plan.

1-56 (g) Money received by the student health center as a result
1-57 of a claim filed by or on behalf of a student through a health
1-58 benefit plan shall be retained for use by the student health center.

1-59 (h) Not later than January 15 of each year, the governing
1-60 board of an institution of higher education shall report to the
1-61 legislature the amount of the following sources of income for
1-62 funding the institution's student health center:

1-63 (1) money received from student fees and charges;

