

- SUBJECT:** Regulating insurers who engage in certain prohibited conduct
- COMMITTEE:** Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Murphy, Capriglione, Flynn, Gervin-Hawkins, Lambert, Leach, Stephenson, Wu
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Vo, Gutierrez, Longoria
- WITNESSES:** For — Daniel Chepkaukas, Patient Choice Coalition of Texas; Bobby Hillert, Texas Orthopaedic Association (*Registered, but did not testify*; Eric Woomer, Texas Ambulatory Surgical Center Society; Christine Mojezati, Texas Medical Association)
- Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Jason Baxter, Texas Association of Health Plans)
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Katrina Daniel and Brian Guthrie, Teacher Retirement System)
- DIGEST:** HB 2367 would prohibit an insurance carrier from submitting a bid under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act for two competitive bidding cycles if the Employees Retirement System of Texas board of trustees found that the carrier had terminated a contract with a physician or provider for the provision of services solely because the physician or provider informed an enrollee in a health benefit plan offered or administered by the carrier of the full range of physicians and providers available to the enrollee, including out-of-network providers.
- A health care provider would be prohibited from submitting a bid under the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Benefits Act for two competitive bidding cycles if the Teacher Retirement System of Texas found that the health care provider had terminated a contract with a

physician or provider for provision of services solely because the physician or provider informed an enrollee in a health benefit plan offered or administered by the health care provider of the full range of physicians and providers available to the enrollee, including out-of-network providers.

A health care or benefit provider would be prohibited from submitting a bid under the Texas School Employees Uniform Group Health Coverage Act for two competitive bidding cycles if the Teacher Retirement System of Texas found that the health care or benefit provider had terminated a contract with a physician or provider for the provision of services solely because the physician or provider informed an enrollee in a health coverage plan offered or administered by the health care or benefit provider of the full range of physicians and providers available to the enrollee, including out-of-network providers.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.