



## **Proposed Amendment to Driscoll ISD's District of Innovation Plan Originally Approved by the Board of Trustees on May 14, 2019**

### **Area of Innovation**

Within Driscoll ISD's current local plan of innovation, with regard to each area of innovation, the District declares exemption from the listed statutory provisions, as well as many implementing rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to those statutory provisions by any state agency or entity, including but not limited to the Commissioner of Education, Texas Education Agency, State Board of Education and State Board for Educator Certification.

Driscoll ISD has determined a need to apply for an amendment to our District of Innovation Plan to allow exemptions to allow us extended flexibility under:

### **Uniform Group Health Care Coverage Program**

(TEC §22.004(i) (CRD LEGAL & CRD LOCAL))

#### **Currently**

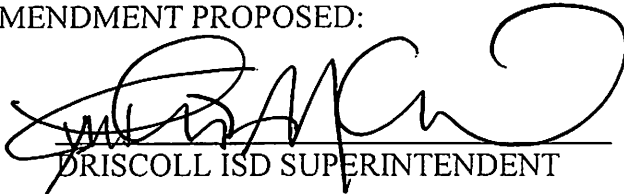
Texas Education Code §22.004(i) states that a school district may not make group health coverage available to its employees pursuant to TEC §22.004(b) after the date a District implements the program of coverage provided under Chapter 1579 of the Texas Insurance Code. The current process allows no flexibility in the design of group health insurance benefits to fit the needs of Driscoll ISD employees. This provision also prohibits the District from procuring group health insurance benefits that may provide better coverage for its employees and at a lower cost. This provision is in direct contradiction to the wishes of the Driscoll ISD Board of Trustees who represent community interests in this matter.

Texas Education Code §22.004 is not in any of the prohibited exemptions that can be included in a District's local innovation plan pursuant to Texas Education Code §12A.004 and the list of the Commissioner's prohibited exemptions in Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Chapter 102, subchapter JJ, Section 102.1309.

#### **Proposed**

Increased local control of the group health benefits plan to allow the District to be responsive to employee and community needs.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED:



DRISCOLL ISD SUPERINTENDENT

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