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Rep. John Bucy III files legislation to expand Medicaid in Texas

Freshman representative's first piece of legislation addresses major state issue

AUSTIN--John H. Bucy III (D-Austin), State Representative for House District 136, today filed H.B. 840 and H.J.R. 46 to expand Medicaid in Texas. This is the first legislation he has filed since being sworn in to office last week.

"Medicaid expansion will help millions of Texans get the healthcare they need, bring billions of dollars back into the state economy, and lower all of our health insurance premiums." Bucy said. "Too many of our neighbors are having to choose between putting food on the table, keeping a roof over their heads, or accessing the care they need -- and that's wrong."

H.B. 840 would expand the number of Texans eligible to participate in Medicaid by nearly 1.5 million, including 12,190 Williamson County residents. It is estimated to create 1,985 jobs annually and bring in over \$41.1 million in federal health care dollars to the county each year. H.J.R. 46 would provide for the expansion of Medicaid by constitutional amendment, which if passed by the legislature, would be submitted to the voters for an election in November 2019.

"2018 was a clear mandate that the time for business as usual is over," Bucy said. "After a decade of inaction on this matter the people of Texas should be given the opportunity to correct it at the ballot box."

Estimates show that the state is losing out on \$100 billion in funding over 10 years. Texas has the highest number and percent of uninsured people in the nation.

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John H. Bucy III is State Representative for Texas House District 136, serving Northwest Austin, Cedar Park, Leander, and the Brushy Creek area. He is serving his first term in the Texas Legislature.