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S.B. No. 2112

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the classification of certain hospitals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.0285 as follows:

SECTION 32.0285. CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN HOSPITALS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REIMBURSEMENT PURPOSES. (a) The executive commissioner in the adoption of reasonable rules and standards governing the determination and payment of supplemental reimbursement to hospitals shall ensure that a hospital which contracts with a hospital district is classified as a public hospital for supplemental reimbursement program reporting and reimbursement purposes if:

(1) the hospital district does not own or operate a public hospital; and

(2) the contract requires the hospital to discharge all or part of the district's indigent care or hospital care duties.

(b) For purposes of this section, "supplemental reimbursement program" includes, but is not limited to, the following programs:

(1) the disproportionate share hospital payment program;

(2) the uncompensated care, delivery system reform incentive payment, and other programs operated under the programs

1 under Texas Health Care Transformation and Quality Improvement
2 Program waiver issued under Section 1115 of the federal Social
3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1315);

4 (4) the network access improvement program;

5 (5) any successor to a program identified in this
6 subsection; and

7 (6) any supplemental hospital reimbursement programs
8 that may be created or authorized in the future.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.