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H.B. No. 4140

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to issues affecting counties and certain other
3 governmental entities and residents.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 531.0991, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (h) and (k) and adding Subsection (n) to read
7 as follows:

8 (h) A community that receives a grant under this section is
9 required to leverage funds in an amount:

10 (1) equal to 25 [~~50~~] percent of the grant amount if the
11 community mental health program is located in a county with a
12 population of less than 100,000 [~~250,000~~];

13 (2) equal to 50 percent of the grant amount if the
14 community mental health program is located in a county with a
15 population of 100,000 or more but less than 250,000;

16 (3) equal to 100 percent of the grant amount if the
17 community mental health program is located in a county with a
18 population of at least 250,000; and

19 (4) [~~(3)~~] equal to the percentage of the grant amount
20 otherwise required by this subsection for the largest county in
21 which a community mental health program is located if the community
22 mental health program is located in more than one county.

23 (k) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered
24 [~~calendar~~] year, the executive commissioner shall submit to the

1 governor, the lieutenant governor, and each member of the
2 legislature a report evaluating the success of the matching grant
3 program created by this section.

4 (n) A reasonable amount not to exceed five percent of the
5 money appropriated by the legislature for the purposes of this
6 section may be used by the commission to pay administrative costs of
7 implementing this section.

8 SECTION 2. Section 531.0992, Government Code, is amended by
9 amending Subsections (d-1) and (d-2) and adding Subsection (g) to
10 read as follows:

11 (d-1) For services and treatment provided in a single
12 county, the commission shall condition each grant provided under
13 this section on a potential grant recipient providing funds from
14 non-state sources in a total amount at least equal to:

15 (1) 25 ~~[50]~~ percent of the grant amount if the
16 community mental health program to be supported by the grant
17 provides services and treatment in a county with a population of
18 less than 100,000 ~~[250,000]~~; ~~[or]~~

19 (2) 50 percent of the grant amount if the community
20 mental health program to be supported by the grant provides
21 services and treatment in a county with a population of 100,000 or
22 more but less than 250,000; or

23 (3) 100 percent of the grant amount if the community
24 mental health program to be supported by the grant provides
25 services and treatment in a county with a population of 250,000 or
26 more.

27 (d-2) For a community mental health program that provides

1 services and treatment in more than one county, the commission
2 shall condition each grant provided under this section on a
3 potential grant recipient providing funds from non-state sources in
4 a total amount at least equal to:

5 (1) 25 [~~50~~] percent of the grant amount if the county
6 with the largest population [~~county~~] in which the community mental
7 health program to be supported by the grant provides services and
8 treatment has a population of less than 100,000 [~~250,000~~]; [~~or~~]

9 (2) 50 [~~100~~] percent of the grant amount if the county
10 with the largest population [~~county~~] in which the community mental
11 health program to be supported by the grant provides services and
12 treatment has a population of 100,000 or more but less than 250,000;
13 or

14 (3) 100 percent of the grant amount if the county with
15 the largest population in which the community mental health program
16 to be supported by the grant provides services and treatment has a
17 population of 250,000 or more.

18 (g) A reasonable amount not to exceed five percent of the
19 money appropriated by the legislature for the purposes of this
20 section may be used by the commission to pay administrative costs of
21 implementing this section.

22 SECTION 3. Section 531.0993, Government Code, is amended by
23 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (j) to read as
24 follows:

25 (c) The commission shall condition each grant provided to a
26 community collaborative under this section on the collaborative
27 providing funds from non-state sources in a total amount at least

1 equal to:

2 (1) 25 [~~50~~] percent of the grant amount if the
3 collaborative includes a county with a population of less than
4 100,000 [~~250,000~~];

5 (2) 50 percent of the grant amount if the
6 collaborative includes a county with a population of 100,000 or
7 more but less than 250,000;

8 (3) 100 percent of the grant amount if the
9 collaborative includes a county with a population of 250,000 or
10 more; and

11 (4) [~~3~~] the percentage of the grant amount otherwise
12 required by this subsection for the largest county included in the
13 collaborative, if the collaborative includes more than one county.

14 (j) A reasonable amount not to exceed five percent of the
15 money appropriated by the legislature for the purposes of this
16 section may be used by the commission to pay administrative costs of
17 implementing this section.

18 SECTION 4. Sections 539.002(b) and (c), Government Code,
19 are amended to read as follows:

20 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the department
21 shall require each entity awarded a grant under this section to:

22 (1) leverage additional funding or in-kind
23 contributions from private contributors or local governments,
24 excluding state or federal funds, [~~sources~~] in an amount that is at
25 least equal to the amount of the grant awarded under this section;

26 (2) provide evidence of significant coordination and
27 collaboration between the entity, local mental health authorities,

1 municipalities, local law enforcement agencies, and other
2 community stakeholders in establishing or expanding a community
3 collaborative funded by a grant awarded under this section; and

4 (3) provide evidence of a local law enforcement policy
5 to divert appropriate persons from jails or other detention
6 facilities to an entity affiliated with a community collaborative
7 for the purpose of providing services to those persons.

8 (c) The department may award a grant under this chapter to
9 an entity for the purpose of establishing a community mental health
10 program in a county with a population of less than 250,000, if the
11 entity leverages additional funding or in-kind contributions from
12 private contributors or local governments, excluding state or
13 federal funds, ~~[sources]~~ in an amount equal to one-quarter of the
14 amount of the grant to be awarded under this section, and the entity
15 otherwise meets the requirements of Subsections (b)(2) and (3).

16 SECTION 5. Section 539.003, Government Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 539.003. ACCEPTABLE USES OF GRANT MONEY. An entity
19 shall use money received from a grant made by the department and
20 private funding sources for the establishment or expansion of a
21 community collaborative~~[, provided that the collaborative must be~~
22 ~~self-sustaining within seven years]~~. Acceptable uses for the money
23 include:

24 (1) the development of the infrastructure of the
25 collaborative and the start-up costs of the collaborative;

26 (2) the establishment, operation, or maintenance of
27 other community service providers in the community served by the

1 collaborative, including intake centers, detoxification units,
2 sheltering centers for food, workforce training centers,
3 microbusinesses, and educational centers;

4 (3) the provision of clothing, hygiene products, and
5 medical services to and the arrangement of transitional and
6 permanent residential housing for persons served by the
7 collaborative;

8 (4) the provision of mental health services and
9 substance abuse treatment not readily available in the community
10 served by the collaborative;

11 (5) the provision of information, tools, and resource
12 referrals to assist persons served by the collaborative in
13 addressing the needs of their children; and

14 (6) the establishment and operation of coordinated
15 intake processes, including triage procedures, to protect the
16 public safety in the community served by the collaborative.

17 SECTION 6. Section 539.007, Government Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 539.007. REDUCTION AND CESSATION OF FUNDING. The
20 department shall establish processes by which the department may
21 reduce or cease providing funding to an entity if the community
22 collaborative operated by the entity does not meet the outcome
23 measures selected by the entity for the collaborative under Section
24 539.005 [~~or is not self-sustaining after seven years~~]. The
25 department shall redistribute any funds withheld from an entity
26 under this section to other entities operating high-performing
27 collaboratives on a competitive basis.

1 SECTION 7. Chapter 539, Government Code, is amended by
2 adding Section 539.009 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 539.009. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. A reasonable amount
4 not to exceed five percent of the money appropriated by the
5 legislature for the purposes of this subchapter may be used by the
6 commission to pay administrative costs of implementing this
7 subchapter.

8 SECTION 8. The heading to Section 152.1073, Human Resources
9 Code, is amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 152.1073. HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF RESOURCES [~~PROTECTIVE~~
11 ~~SERVICES~~] FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS.

12 SECTION 9. Section 152.1073(a)(1), Human Resources Code, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (1) "Board" means the Harris County Board of Resources
15 [~~Protective Services~~] for Children and Adults.

16 SECTION 10. Section 152.1073, Human Resources Code, is
17 amended by amending Subsections (g) and (h) and adding Subsection
18 (h-1) to read as follows:

19 (g) In addition to the authority granted to the board by the
20 commissioners court, the Health and Human Services Commission, and
21 the [~~Texas~~] Department of Family and Protective [~~Human~~] Services,
22 the board may:

23 (1) disburse funds from sources other than the
24 commissioners court, the commission, and the department [~~Texas~~
25 ~~Department of Human Services~~] to benefit children, eligible adults
26 with disabilities, and eligible elderly persons under this section
27 and to provide care, protection, evaluation, training, treatment,

1 education, and recreation to those persons [~~children~~];

2 (2) refuse to accept any funds the board considers to
3 be inappropriate, incompatible, or burdensome to board policies or
4 the provision of services;

5 (3) accept a gift or grant of real or personal property
6 or accept support under or an interest in a trust to benefit persons
7 described by Subdivision (1) [~~children under this section~~] and hold
8 the gift or grant directly or in trust;

9 (4) use a gift or grant to benefit persons described by
10 Subdivision (1) [~~children under this section~~] and to provide care,
11 protection, education, or training to those persons [~~children~~];

12 (5) accept and disburse as provided by Subdivision (1)
13 fees and contributions from parents, guardians, and relatives of
14 persons described by that subdivision [~~children~~] who are:

15 (A) in county supported substitute care or
16 custody, in the county guardianship program, in the county
17 representative payee program, or receiving services from the county
18 Senior Justice Assessment Center; or

19 (B) being assisted by casework, day care, or
20 homemaker services, by medical, psychological, dental, or other
21 remedial help, or by teaching, training, or other services;

22 (6) account for and spend funds the board receives as
23 fees, contributions, payments made by guardians, or payments made
24 to benefit a person described by Subdivision (1) who is [~~child~~] in
25 the board's or the county's legal custody;

26 (7) receive and disburse funds available to support or
27 benefit a person described by Subdivision (1) who is [~~child~~] in the

1 board's or the county's legal custody, including social security
2 benefits, life insurance proceeds, survivors' pension or annuity
3 benefits, or a beneficial interest in property; and

4 (8) receive and use funds, grants, and assistance
5 available to the board or the county from a federal or state
6 department or agency to carry out the functions and programs of the
7 department or agency that is designed to aid or extend programs and
8 operations approved by the board.

9 (h) The board shall designate the director or an assistant
10 to apply for letters of guardianship if necessary to receive funds
11 under Subsection (g)(7). The director or an assistant may:

12 (1) apply for and disburse the funds to provide
13 special items of support for children, eligible adults with
14 disabilities, and eligible elderly persons under this section or to
15 pay general administrative expenses relating to services under this
16 section;

17 (2) hold the funds in trust; or

18 (3) apply the funds for a particular or more
19 restricted purpose as required by law or the source of the funds.

20 (h-1) The board may collaborate with state agencies to
21 provide services for eligible adults with disabilities and eligible
22 elderly persons who:

23 (1) are residents of the county;

24 (2) have been exploited, abused, or neglected; or

25 (3) may be in need of a guardianship or assistance from
26 a representative payee.

27 SECTION 11. Section 299.001, Health and Safety Code, is

1 amended by adding Subdivision (6) to read as follows:

2 (6) "Qualifying assessment basis" means the health
3 care item, health care service, or other health care-related basis
4 consistent with 42 U.S.C. Section 1396b(w) on which the board
5 requires mandatory payments to be assessed under this chapter.

6 SECTION 12. Section 299.004, Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 299.004. EXPIRATION. (a) Subject to Section
9 299.153(d), the authority of the district to administer and operate
10 a program under this chapter expires December 31, 2023 [~~2021~~].

11 (b) This chapter expires December 31, 2023 [~~2021~~].

12 SECTION 13. Section 299.053, Health and Safety Code, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Sec. 299.053. INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER
15 REPORTING. If the board authorizes the district to participate in a
16 program under this chapter, the board may [~~shall~~] require each
17 institutional health care provider to submit to the district a copy
18 of any financial and utilization data as reported in:

19 (1) the provider's Medicare cost report [~~submitted~~]
20 for the most recent [~~previous fiscal year or for the closest~~
21 ~~subsequent~~] fiscal year for which the provider submitted the
22 Medicare cost report; or

23 (2) a report other than the report described by
24 Subdivision (1) that the board considers reliable and is submitted
25 by or to the provider for the most recent fiscal year.

26 SECTION 14. Section 299.103(c), Health and Safety Code, is
27 amended to read as follows:

1 (c) Money deposited to the local provider participation
2 fund of the district may be used only to:

3 (1) fund intergovernmental transfers from the
4 district to the state to provide the nonfederal share of Medicaid
5 payments for:

6 (A) uncompensated care payments to nonpublic
7 hospitals, if those payments are authorized under the Texas
8 Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program waiver
9 issued under Section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act (42
10 U.S.C. Section 1315);

11 (B) uniform rate enhancements for nonpublic
12 hospitals in the Medicaid managed care service area in which the
13 district is located;

14 (C) payments available under another waiver
15 program authorizing payments that are substantially similar to
16 Medicaid payments to nonpublic hospitals described by Paragraph (A)
17 or (B); or

18 (D) any reimbursement to nonpublic hospitals for
19 which federal matching funds are available;

20 (2) subject to Section [299.151\(d\)](#), pay the
21 administrative expenses of the district in administering the
22 program, including collateralization of deposits;

23 (3) refund a mandatory payment collected in error from
24 a paying provider;

25 (4) refund to a paying provider, in an amount that is
26 proportionate to the mandatory payments made under this chapter by
27 the provider during the 12 months preceding the date of the refund,

1 ~~[providers a proportionate share of]~~ the money attributable to
2 mandatory payments collected under this chapter that the district:

3 (A) receives from the Health and Human Services
4 Commission that is not used to fund the nonfederal share of Medicaid
5 supplemental payment program payments; or

6 (B) determines cannot be used to fund the
7 nonfederal share of Medicaid supplemental payment program
8 payments; and

9 (5) transfer funds to the Health and Human Services
10 Commission if the district is legally required to transfer the
11 funds to address a disallowance of federal matching funds with
12 respect to programs for which the district made intergovernmental
13 transfers described by Subdivision (1).

14 SECTION 15. The heading to Section 299.151, Health and
15 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

16 Sec. 299.151. MANDATORY PAYMENTS ~~[BASED ON PAYING PROVIDER
17 NET PATIENT REVENUE]~~.

18 SECTION 16. Section 299.151, Health and Safety Code, is
19 amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c) and adding
20 Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

21 (a) If the board authorizes a health care provider
22 participation program under this chapter, the board may require ~~[a]~~
23 mandatory payments ~~[payment]~~ to be assessed against each
24 institutional health care provider located in the district, either
25 annually or periodically throughout the year at the discretion of
26 the board, on the basis of a health care item, health care service,
27 or other health care-related basis that is consistent with the

1 requirements of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396b(w) [~~the net patient revenue~~
2 ~~of each institutional health care provider located in the~~
3 ~~district~~]. The qualifying assessment basis must be the same for
4 each institutional health care provider in the district. The board
5 shall provide an institutional health care provider written notice
6 of each assessment under this section [~~subsection~~], and the
7 provider has 30 calendar days following the date of receipt of the
8 notice to pay the assessment.

9 (a-1) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the
10 qualifying assessment basis must be determined by the board using
11 information contained in an institutional health care provider's
12 Medicare cost report for the most recent fiscal year for which the
13 provider submitted the report. If the provider is not required to
14 submit a Medicare cost report, or if the Medicare cost report
15 submitted by the provider does not contain information necessary to
16 determine the qualifying assessment basis, the qualifying
17 assessment basis may be determined by the board using information
18 contained in another report the board considers reliable that is
19 submitted by or to the provider for the most recent fiscal year. To
20 the extent practicable, the board shall use the same type of report
21 to determine the qualifying assessment basis for each paying
22 provider in the district.

23 (a-2) [~~In the first year in which the mandatory payment is~~
24 ~~required, the mandatory payment is assessed on the net patient~~
25 ~~revenue of an institutional health care provider, as determined by~~
26 ~~the provider's Medicare cost report submitted for the previous~~
27 ~~fiscal year or for the closest subsequent fiscal year for which the~~

1 ~~provider submitted the Medicare cost report.]~~ If ~~[the]~~ mandatory
2 payments are ~~[payment is]~~ required, the district shall update the
3 amount of the mandatory payments ~~[payment]~~ on an annual basis and
4 may update the amount on a more frequent basis.

5 (b) The amount of a mandatory payment authorized under this
6 chapter must be uniformly proportionate with the qualifying
7 assessment basis for ~~[amount of net patient revenue generated by]~~
8 each paying provider in the district as permitted under federal
9 law. A health care provider participation program authorized under
10 this chapter may not hold harmless any institutional health care
11 provider, as required under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396b(w).

12 (c) If the board requires a mandatory payment authorized
13 under this chapter, the board shall set the amount of the mandatory
14 payment, subject to the limitations of this chapter. The aggregate
15 amount of the mandatory payments required of all paying providers
16 in the district may not exceed six ~~[four]~~ percent of the aggregate
17 net patient revenue from hospital services provided by all paying
18 providers in the district.

19 SECTION 17. Subchapter D, Chapter 299, Health and Safety
20 Code, is amended by adding Section 299.154 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 299.154. REQUEST FOR CERTAIN RELIEF. If 42 U.S.C.
22 Section 1396b(w) or 42 C.F.R. Part 433 Subpart B is revised or
23 interpreted in a manner that impedes the operations of a program
24 under this chapter, and the operations may be improved by a request
25 for relief under 42 C.F.R. Section 433.72, the board may request the
26 Health and Human Services Commission to submit, and if requested
27 the commission shall submit, a request to the Centers for Medicare

1 and Medicaid Services for relief under 42 C.F.R. Section 433.72.

2 SECTION 18. The heading to Chapter 180, Local Government
3 Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 CHAPTER 180. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AFFECTING OFFICERS AND
5 EMPLOYEES OF MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF [~~MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, AND~~
6 ~~CERTAIN OTHER~~] LOCAL GOVERNMENT [~~GOVERNMENTS~~]

7 SECTION 19. Chapter 180, Local Government Code, is amended
8 by adding Section 180.008 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 180.008. QUARANTINE LEAVE FOR FIRE FIGHTERS, PEACE
10 OFFICERS, DETENTION OFFICERS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.

11 (a) In this section:

12 (1) "Detention officer" means an individual appointed
13 or employed by a political subdivision as a county jailer or other
14 individual responsible for the care and custody of individuals
15 incarcerated in a county or municipal jail.

16 (2) "Emergency medical technician" means an
17 individual who is:

18 (A) certified as an emergency medical technician
19 under Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code; and

20 (B) employed by a political subdivision.

21 (3) "Fire fighter" means a paid employee of a
22 municipal fire department or emergency services district who:

23 (A) holds a position that requires substantial
24 knowledge of fire fighting;

25 (B) has met the requirements for certification by
26 the Texas Commission on Fire Protection under Chapter 419,
27 Government Code; and

1 (C) performs a function listed in Section
2 143.003(4)(A).

3 (4) "Peace officer" means an individual described by
4 Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, who is elected for,
5 employed by, or appointed by a political subdivision.

6 (b) A political subdivision shall place on paid quarantine
7 leave a fire fighter, peace officer, detention officer, or
8 emergency medical technician employed by the political subdivision
9 and ordered by a supervisor or a health authority to quarantine or
10 isolate due to a possible or known exposure to a communicable
11 disease while on duty.

12 (c) A political subdivision shall provide to a fire fighter,
13 peace officer, detention officer, or emergency medical technician
14 on quarantine leave:

15 (1) all employment benefits and compensation,
16 including leave accrual, pension benefits, and health benefit plan
17 benefits; and

18 (2) costs related to the quarantine, including
19 lodging, medical, and transportation costs.

20 (d) A political subdivision may not reduce a fire fighter's,
21 peace officer's, detention officer's, or emergency medical
22 technician's sick leave balance, vacation leave balance, holiday
23 leave balance, or other paid leave balance in connection with
24 quarantine leave required by Subsection (b).

25 SECTION 20. On the effective date of this Act, the Harris
26 County Board of Protective Services for Children and Adults is
27 redesignated as the Harris County Board of Resources for Children

1 and Adults.

2 SECTION 21. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a
3 grant awarded on or after the effective date of this Act. A grant
4 awarded under a provision amended by this Act is governed by the law
5 in effect on the date the grant was awarded, and the former law is
6 continued in effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 22. If before implementing any provision of this
8 Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
9 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
10 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
11 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
12 waiver or authorization is granted.

13 SECTION 23. This Act takes effect immediately if it
14 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
15 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
16 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
17 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.