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H.B. No. 4801

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of the money in the Opioid Abatement Account.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 403.505(d), Government Code, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (d) A state agency may use money appropriated from the
7 account only to:

8 (1) prevent opioid use disorder through
9 evidence-based education and prevention, such as school-based
10 prevention, early intervention, or health care services or programs
11 intended to reduce the risk of opioid use by school-age children;

12 (2) support efforts to prevent or reduce deaths from
13 opioid overdoses or other opioid-related harms, including through
14 increasing the availability or distribution of naloxone or other
15 opioid antagonists for use by health care providers, first
16 responders, persons experiencing an opioid overdose, families,
17 schools, community-based service providers, social workers, or
18 other members of the public;

19 (3) create and provide training on the treatment of
20 opioid addiction, including the treatment of opioid dependence with
21 each medication approved for that purpose by the United States Food
22 and Drug Administration, medical detoxification, relapse
23 prevention, patient assessment, individual treatment planning,
24 counseling, recovery supports, diversion control, and other best

1 practices;

2 (4) provide opioid use disorder treatment for youths
3 and adults, with an emphasis on programs that provide a continuum of
4 care that includes screening and assessment for opioid use disorder
5 and co-occurring behavioral health disorders, early intervention,
6 contingency management, cognitive behavioral therapy, case
7 management, relapse management, counseling services, and
8 medication-assisted treatments;

9 (5) provide patients suffering from opioid dependence
10 with access to all medications approved by the United States Food
11 and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid dependence and
12 relapse prevention following opioid detoxification, including
13 opioid agonists, partial agonists, and antagonists;

14 (6) support efforts to reduce the abuse or misuse of
15 addictive prescription medications, including tools used to give
16 health care providers information needed to protect the public from
17 the harm caused by improper use of those medications;

18 (7) support treatment alternatives that provide both
19 psychosocial support and medication-assisted treatments in areas
20 with geographical or transportation-related challenges, including
21 providing access to mobile health services and telemedicine,
22 particularly in rural areas;

23 (8) address:

24 (A) the needs of persons involved with criminal
25 justice; and

26 (B) rural county unattended deaths; [~~or~~]

27 (9) purchase opioid antagonists in bulk from

1 manufacturers to decrease the price burden on organizations
2 distributing opioid antagonists to respond to opioid overdoses; or
3 (10) further any other purpose related to opioid
4 abatement authorized by appropriation.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.