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S.B. No. 1952

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration and operation of the school health and related services program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 532, Government Code, as effective April 1, 2025, is amended by adding Section 532.00515 to read as follows:

Sec. 532.00515. SCHOOL HEALTH AND RELATED SERVICES PROGRAM.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Local education agency" includes a school district or open-enrollment charter school.

(2) "Regional education service center" means a regional education service center established under Chapter 8, Education Code.

(b) In accordance with Section 532.0051(a), the commission is the sole state agency responsible for administering the school health and related services program.

(c) The commission shall:

(1) oversee the participation of local education agencies as providers in the school health and related services program, including:

(A) the administration of provider training; and

(B) the provision of information and guidance regarding the program to those providers, including guidance on

1 applicable federal and state regulatory requirements; and

2 (2) collaborate with regional education service
3 centers to provide resources, information, and other appropriate
4 assistance to local education agencies participating or seeking to
5 participate as providers in the school health and related services
6 program.

7 (d) The commission and the Texas Education Agency shall
8 enter into a memorandum of understanding that specifically
9 identifies the responsibilities of each agency with respect to
10 operating the school health and related services program.

11 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
12 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
13 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
14 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
15 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
16 waiver or authorization is granted.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.