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H.B. No. 3497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to funding and extending the expiration date of the regional emergency medical dispatch resource center pilot program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 771.105, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 771.105. FUNDING OF PILOT PROGRAM. (a) Money in the 9-1-1 services fee fund may be appropriated to the Texas Department of Health to fund the pilot program.

(b) The department is also authorized to seek grant funding for the pilot program.

(c) A political subdivision that participates in the pilot program may pay an appropriate share of the cost of the pilot program.

(d) The provisions in this subchapter that require the department to establish, conduct, and evaluate the pilot program are contingent on the department receiving funding in accordance with this section. If a sufficient number of political subdivisions in a region that could be served by a pilot program offer to pay the Texas Department of Health an amount that in the aggregate, together with any other funding received under this section, is sufficient to fund the pilot program for the region, the department:

(1) shall enter into contracts with the offering

1 political subdivisions under which each will pay an appropriate
2 share of the cost; and

3 (2) when the amount under the signed contracts,
4 together with any other funding received under this section, is
5 sufficient to fund the pilot program for the region, shall
6 implement the pilot program for the region.

7 SECTION 2. Section 771.108, Health and Safety Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 771.108. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires
10 September 1, 2005 [~~2003~~].

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.