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S.B. No. 426

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the state emergency services and trauma care system.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 773.121 to read as follows:

Sec. 773.121. STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES AND TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM. (a) The state emergency services and trauma care system provides emergency services and trauma care to residents of this state through county and regional providers of emergency services and trauma care. The state system consists of designated emergency services and trauma care entities, including:

(1) each trauma service area regional advisory council; and

(2) a council of government that includes a county with a population of at least 3.3 million and that has established a trauma and emergency services policy council.

(b) Money, including money available under federal law, may be made available to support the state emergency services and trauma care system and entities within the system.

(c) An entity that is a part of the state's emergency services and trauma care system may be required to meet minimum qualifications to receive funding under Subsection (b) or to continue to participate in the system.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.