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H.B. No. 3905

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to grants for school-based health centers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 38.063, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), (d), (e), (f), and (g) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(a) Subject to the availability of federal or state appropriated funds, the commissioner of state ~~[public]~~ health services shall administer a program under which grants are awarded to assist school districts and hospitals or nonprofit organizations that contract with school districts with the costs of ~~[operating]~~ school-based health centers in accordance with this section.

(b) The commissioner of state ~~[public]~~ health services, by rules adopted in accordance with this section, shall establish procedures for awarding grants. The rules must provide that:

(1) grants are awarded annually ~~[to school districts on an annual basis]~~ through a competitive process to:

(A) school districts; and

(B) hospitals or nonprofit organizations that have contracted with school districts to establish and operate school-based health centers;

(2) subject to the availability of federal or state appropriated funds, each grant is for a term of five years; and

(3) a preference is given to school-based health

1 centers in school districts that are located in rural areas or that
2 have low property wealth per student.

3 (d) A school district, hospital, or nonprofit organization
4 may not receive more than \$250,000 per state fiscal biennium
5 through grants awarded under this section.

6 (e) To be eligible to receive a grant, a school district,
7 hospital, or nonprofit organization must provide matching funds in
8 accordance with rules adopted under Subsection (b). The matching
9 funds may be obtained from any source available to the district,
10 hospital, or nonprofit organization, including in-kind
11 contributions, community or foundation grants, individual
12 contributions, and local governmental agency operating funds.

13 (e-1) A school district, hospital, or nonprofit
14 organization receiving a grant under this section may use the grant
15 funds to:

- 16 (1) establish a new school-based health center;
17 (2) expand an existing school-based health center; or
18 (3) operate a school-based health center.

19 (f) The commissioner of state [~~public~~] health services
20 shall adopt rules establishing standards for health care centers
21 funded through grants that place primary emphasis on delivery of
22 health services and secondary emphasis on population-based models
23 that prevent emerging health threats.

24 (g) The commissioner of state [~~public~~] health services
25 shall require client surveys to be conducted in school-based health
26 centers funded through grants awarded under this section, and the
27 results of those surveys must be included in the annual report

1 required under Section 38.064.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.