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H.B. No. 1436

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to depositing revenue received by this state from
3 undocumented immigrants to the indigent emergency medical services
4 and preventative health care reimbursement fund.

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

6 SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes that undocumented
7 immigrants bring in approximately \$424.7 million more in annual
8 revenue to the state than the state spends on services provided to
9 them, and yet many do not have health insurance and are ineligible
10 for public assistance for medical expenses. It is the intent of the
11 legislature to allocate this revenue to help cover the expenses of
12 medical care for indigent persons, some of whom are undocumented
13 immigrants.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 61, Health and Safety Code, is amended by
15 adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

16 SUBCHAPTER D. INDIGENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND PREVENTATIVE

17 HEALTH CARE REIMBURSEMENT FUND

18 Sec. 61.081. INDIGENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND
19 PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE REIMBURSEMENT FUND ESTABLISHED. (a) The
20 indigent emergency medical services and preventative health care
21 reimbursement fund is a dedicated account in the general revenue
22 fund.

23 (b) The comptroller shall annually deposit the first \$424.7
24 million of revenue that the state receives that is not otherwise

1 dedicated by another law or by the constitution to the credit of the
2 fund.

3 (c) Money in the fund may be appropriated only to provide
4 state assistance under this chapter or otherwise reimburse a
5 governmental entity or hospital district for the cost of emergency
6 medical services, preventative health care services, and other
7 health care services provided to indigent persons that is not
8 reimbursed by Medicaid or another public state or federal funding
9 source.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.