

By: Kolkhorst

H.B. No. 1258

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the eligibility of federally qualified health centers  
3 for certain grants.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.017, Health and Safety Code, as  
6 amended by Chapter 127 (S.B. 526), Acts of the 81st Legislature,  
7 Regular Session, 2009, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 31.017. FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS. (a)  
9 Subject to Subsection (b), the [~~The~~] department may make grants to  
10 establish new or expand existing facilities and to support new or  
11 expanded services at facilities that can qualify as federally  
12 qualified health centers, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section  
13 1396d(1)(2)(B), in this state, including:

- 14 (1) planning grants;  
15 (2) development grants;  
16 (3) capital improvement grants; and  
17 (4) grants for transitional operating support.

18 (b) The department may only make a grant to establish or  
19 expand a facility under Subsection (a) to a facility that provides  
20 or will provide mental health services.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.