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S.B. No. 847

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain hospital districts to contract for the performance of administrative functions and services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 281, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 281.0512 to read as follows:

Sec. 281.0512. CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES. (a) This section applies only to a federally qualified health center as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(1)(2)(B) or a federally qualified health center look-alike organized and operated under the authority of and in compliance with 42 U.S.C. Section 254b that is substantially devoted to providing services to socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in the geographical area of the district.

(b) The board may contract with a federally qualified health center or a federally qualified health center look-alike to perform for the center administrative functions and services that the district and the center may perform independently.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.