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H.B. No. 1709

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the continuation of the Texas Women's Health Program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 32 of the Human Resources Code is amended as follows:

Section 32.021 (b-1) The department shall immediately apply for federal funds in the form of a Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver if the department ceases operation of the program under Section 39.45(d) of this Code.

(b-2) It is the Legislature's intent that the application under Section 32.021(b-1) be identical to what was made under the former federal Medicaid Women's Health Program, which ceased operations December 31, 2012.

SECTION 2. This Act takes immediate effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all 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, 2013.