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H.B. No. 2887

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2887:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2887

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the establishment and expansion of community  
3 collaboratives by entities to provide services to and coordinate  
4 the care of persons who are homeless, persons with mental illness,  
5 and persons with substance abuse problems.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subtitle I, Title 4, Government Code, is amended  
8 by adding Chapter 539 to read as follows:

9 CHAPTER 539. COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES

10 Sec. 539.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

11 (1) "Department" means the Department of State Health  
12 Services.

13 (2) "Executive commissioner" means the executive  
14 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.

15 Sec. 539.002. GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION OF  
16 COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES. (a) To the extent funds are  
17 appropriated to the department for that purpose, the department  
18 shall make grants to entities, including local governmental  
19 entities, nonprofit community organizations, and faith-based  
20 community organizations, to establish or expand community  
21 collaboratives that bring the public and private sectors together  
22 to provide services to and coordinate the care of persons who are  
23 homeless, persons with mental illness, and persons with substance  
24 abuse problems.

1        (b) The amount of a grant made to an entity by the department  
2 under this section may not exceed \$7.5 million and, up to that  
3 amount, shall be equal to the amount of money provided to the entity  
4 from private funding sources for the establishment or expansion of  
5 a community collaborative.

6        Sec. 539.003. ACCEPTABLE USES OF GRANT MONEY. An entity  
7 shall use money received from a grant made by the department and  
8 private funding sources for the establishment or expansion of a  
9 community collaborative, provided that the collaborative must be  
10 self-sustaining within seven years. Acceptable uses for the money  
11 include:

12            (1) the development of the infrastructure of the  
13 collaborative and the start-up costs of the collaborative;

14            (2) the establishment, operation, or maintenance of  
15 other community service providers in the community served by the  
16 collaborative, including intake centers, detoxification units,  
17 sheltering centers for food, workforce training centers,  
18 microbusinesses, and educational centers;

19            (3) the provision of clothing, hygiene products, and  
20 medical services to and the arrangement of transitional and  
21 permanent residential housing for persons served by the  
22 collaborative;

23            (4) the provision of mental health services and  
24 substance abuse treatment not readily available in the community  
25 served by the collaborative;

26            (5) the provision of information, tools, and resource  
27 referrals to assist persons served by the collaborative in

1 addressing the needs of their children; and

2 (6) the establishment and operation of coordinated  
3 intake processes, including triage procedures, to protect the  
4 public safety in the community served by the collaborative.

5 Sec. 539.004. ELEMENTS OF COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES. (a)  
6 If appropriate, an entity shall incorporate into the community  
7 collaborative operated by the entity the use of the  
8 department-operated Texas Electronic Registrar, transportation  
9 plans, and case managers. An entity shall also consider  
10 incorporating into a collaborative mentoring and volunteering  
11 opportunities, strategies to assist homeless youth and homeless  
12 families with children, strategies to reintegrate persons who were  
13 recently incarcerated into the community, services for veterans,  
14 and strategies for persons served by the collaborative to  
15 participate in the planning, governance, and oversight of the  
16 collaborative.

17 (b) The focus of a community collaborative shall be the  
18 eventual successful transition of persons from receiving services  
19 from the collaborative to becoming integrated into the community  
20 served by the collaborative through community relationships and  
21 family supports.

22 Sec. 539.005. OUTCOME MEASURES FOR COMMUNITY  
23 COLLABORATIVES. Each entity that receives a grant from the  
24 department to establish or expand a community collaborative shall  
25 select at least four of the following outcome measures that the  
26 entity will focus on meeting through the implementation and  
27 operation of the collaborative:

1           (1) persons served by the collaborative will find  
2 employment that results in those persons having incomes that are at  
3 or above 100 percent of the federal poverty level;

4           (2) persons served by the collaborative will find  
5 permanent housing;

6           (3) persons served by the collaborative will complete  
7 alcohol or substance abuse programs;

8           (4) the collaborative will help start social  
9 businesses in the community or engage in job creation, job  
10 training, or other workforce development activities;

11           (5) there will be a decrease in the use of jail beds by  
12 persons served by the collaborative;

13           (6) there will be a decrease in the need for emergency  
14 care by persons served by the collaborative;

15           (7) there will be a decrease in the number of children  
16 whose families lack adequate housing referred to the Department of  
17 Family and Protective Services or a local entity responsible for  
18 child welfare; and

19           (8) any other appropriate outcome measure that  
20 measures whether a collaborative is meeting a specific need of the  
21 community served by the collaborative and that is approved by the  
22 department.

23           Sec. 539.006. ANNUAL REVIEW OF OUTCOME MEASURES. The  
24 department shall contract with an independent third party to verify  
25 annually whether a community collaborative is meeting the outcome  
26 measures under Section 539.005 selected by the entity that operates  
27 the collaborative.

1       Sec. 539.007. REDUCTION AND CESSATION OF FUNDING. The  
2 department shall establish processes by which the department may  
3 reduce or cease providing funding to an entity if the community  
4 collaborative operated by the entity does not meet the outcome  
5 measures selected by the entity for the collaborative under Section  
6 539.005 or is not self-sustaining after seven years. The  
7 department shall redistribute any funds withheld from an entity  
8 under this section to other entities operating high-performing  
9 collaboratives on a competitive basis.

10       Sec. 539.008. RULES. The executive commissioner shall  
11 adopt any rules necessary to implement the community collaborative  
12 grant program established under this chapter, including rules to  
13 establish the requirements for an entity to be eligible to receive a  
14 grant, the required elements of a community collaborative operated  
15 by an entity, and permissible and prohibited uses of money received  
16 by an entity from a grant made by the department under this chapter.

17       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.