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H.B. No. 3715

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to identification and implementation of hospital funding solutions related to the Medicaid program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.02117 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.02117. HOSPITAL FUNDING SOLUTIONS. (a) In this section, "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" means the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. No. 111-148) as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152).

(b) The commission, in consultation with the Department of State Health Services, shall conduct a study regarding the effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on:

(1) Medicaid reimbursements paid to hospitals in this state for services provided by the hospitals; and

(2) payments made under the disproportionate share hospitals supplemental payment program to hospitals in this state.

(c) As part of the study, the commission shall compare and contrast:

(1) the amounts of the reimbursements and payments described by Subsection (b) before enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

(2) the amounts or anticipated amounts of those

1 reimbursements and payments after the effective dates of applicable
2 provisions of that Act, accounting for any expansion of eligibility
3 for the Medicaid program made in accordance with the Act for which
4 additional federal matching money is available, if that expansion
5 were to occur.

6 (d) The commission, in consultation with the Department of
7 State Health Services and based on the study conducted under this
8 section, shall develop proposals designed to provide long-term
9 funding solutions related to the Medicaid program for hospitals in
10 this state. To the extent authorized by law, the commission may
11 implement the proposals.

12 (e) Not later than December 1, 2014, the commission shall
13 submit a report based on the study conducted and proposals
14 developed under this section to the governor, the lieutenant
15 governor, and the legislature. The report must:

16 (1) explain the effects of the Patient Protection and
17 Affordable Care Act on Medicaid reimbursements and
18 disproportionate share hospitals supplemental payment program
19 payments paid to hospitals in this state, as identified in the
20 study; and

21 (2) describe the proposals developed under Subsection
22 (d) and:

23 (A) identify the proposals the commission has
24 implemented; and

25 (B) for each proposal the commission has not
26 implemented, identify any changes in law necessary for
27 implementation.

1 (f) This section expires September 1, 2015.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.