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H.B. No. 1528

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the provision of services to certain HIV-infected  
3 individuals.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (b) of Sec. 85.061, Health and Safety  
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 85.061. HIV MEDICATION PROGRAM. (a) The Texas HIV  
8 medication program is established in the department.

9 (b) (1) The program shall assist hospital districts, local  
10 health departments, public or nonprofit hospitals and clinics,  
11 nonprofit community organizations, and HIV-infected individuals in  
12 the purchase of medications approved by the board that have been  
13 shown to be effective in reducing hospitalizations due to  
14 HIV-related conditions.

15 (2) Out of funding available under Subchapter C and D,  
16 the program shall assist in the provision of discharge planning and  
17 transitional primary care and social support services to  
18 HIV-infected individuals in the custody of a local county jail in a  
19 county with a population of 3.3 million or more who are nearing  
20 release or whose incarceration is of a short duration.

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, 2015.