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H.B. No. 3847

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to seeking federal authorization to fund the Medicaid program through a block grant funding system.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle I, Title 4, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 540 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 540. FEDERAL WAIVER FOR BLOCK GRANT FUNDING OF MEDICAID PROGRAM

Sec. 540.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "Medicaid program" means the medical assistance program established under Title XIX, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396 et seq.).

Sec. 540.002. FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR BLOCK GRANT FUNDING SYSTEM FOR MEDICAID PROGRAM. Notwithstanding any other law, the executive commissioner shall negotiate with the United States secretary of health and human services, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and other appropriate persons for purposes of seeking a waiver or other authorization necessary to operate the Medicaid program under a block grant funding system.

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, 2015.