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S.B. No. 1966

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to identification and implementation of hospital funding solutions.

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) The commission, in consultation with the Department of State Health Services, shall conduct a study to identify solutions for stabilizing hospital funding in the state that at minimum considers:

(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.

(b) The commission, in consultation with the Department of State Health Services and based on the study conducted under this section, shall develop proposals designed to provide long-term funding solutions related to the Medicaid program for hospitals in this state. To the extent authorized by law and with prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, the commission may implement the proposals.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2016, the commission shall submit a report based on the study conducted and proposals

1 developed under this section to the governor, the lieutenant  
2 governor, and the legislature. The report must:

3 (1) describe the proposals developed under Subsection  
4 (b) and:

5 (A) identify the proposals the commission has  
6 implemented; and

7 (B) for each proposal the commission has not  
8 implemented, identify any changes in law necessary for  
9 implementation.

10 (d) The commission may adopt rules as necessary to implement  
11 this section.

12 (g) This section expires September 1, 2017.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.