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H.B. No. 243

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to required mental health, behavioral health, and substance abuse services under the Texas women's health 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 531.0997 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0997. TEXAS WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM; REQUIRED SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

(a) In this section, "Texas women's health program" means a program operated by the commission that is substantially similar to the demonstration project operated under former Section 32.0248, Human Resources Code, and that is intended to expand access to preventive health and family planning services for women in this state.

(b) The health care services provided under the Texas women's health program must include screening and treatment for:

(1) mental health conditions;

(2) behavioral health conditions; and

(3) substance abuse disorders.

(c) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect December 1, 2017.