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H.B. No. 3970

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the allocation of certain general revenue to grants for local guardianship programs and local money management services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 531.077(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The Medicaid account is an account in the general revenue fund. Any funds recovered by implementing 42 U.S.C. Section 1396p(b)(1) shall be deposited in the Medicaid account. Money in the account may be appropriated only as follows:

(1) the first \$750,000 of money appropriated from the account for a state fiscal year may be appropriated only to provide grants for the development, expansion, and operation of local guardianship programs and local money management services, to the extent not prohibited by federal law; and

(2) the remainder may be appropriated only to fund long-term care, including community-based care and facility-based care.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to appropriations made for a state fiscal year that begins on or after September 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,

1 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
3 waiver or authorization is granted.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.