## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

2 relating to grants to establish or expand community collaboratives 3 for services to persons experiencing homelessness or mental illness 4 and county government planning for community collaboratives.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 6 SECTION 1. Section 539.002, Government Code, is amended to 7 read as follows:

Sec. 539.002. GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION OF 8 COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES. 9 (a) To the extent funds are appropriated to the department for that purpose, the department 10 11 shall make grants to entities, including local governmental 12 entities, nonprofit community organizations, and faith-based community organizations, to establish or expand community 13 14 collaboratives that bring the public and private sectors together to provide services to persons experiencing homelessness or [and] 15 16 mental illness. [The department may make a maximum of five grants, 17 which must be made in the most populous municipalities in this state that are located in counties with a population of more than one 18 million.] In awarding grants, the department shall give special 19 20 consideration to entities:

21 (1) establishing a new collaborative; or 22 (2) establishing a new collaborative or expanding a 23 collaborative to serve two or more counties that each have a 24 population of less than 100,000.

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(b) The department shall require each entity awarded a grant
 under this section to:

3 (1) leverage additional funding from private sources
4 in an amount that is at least equal to the amount of the grant
5 awarded under this section; [and]

6 (2) provide evidence of significant coordination and 7 collaboration between the entity, local mental health authorities, 8 municipalities, <u>local law enforcement agencies</u>, and other 9 community stakeholders in establishing or expanding a community 10 collaborative funded by a grant awarded under this section; and

11 (3) provide evidence of a local law enforcement policy 12 to divert appropriate persons from jails or other detention 13 facilities to an entity affiliated with a community collaborative 14 for services.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 539, Government Code, is amended by 16 adding Section 539.0051 to read as follows:

17 <u>Sec. 539.0051. PLAN REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITY</u>
18 <u>COLLABORATIVES. (a) The governing body of a county shall develop</u>
19 <u>and make public a plan detailing:</u>

20 <u>(1) how local mental health authorities,</u> 21 <u>municipalities, local law enforcement agencies, and other</u> 22 <u>community stakeholders in the county could coordinate to establish</u> 23 <u>or expand a community collaborative to accomplish the goals of</u> 24 <u>Section 539.002;</u>

25 (2) how entities in the county may leverage funding 26 from private sources to accomplish the goals of Section 539.002 27 through the formation or expansion of a community collaborative;

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2 (3) how the formation or expansion of a community 3 collaborative could establish or support resources or services to 4 help local law enforcement agencies to divert persons who have been 5 arrested to appropriate mental health care.

6 (b) The governing bodies of two or more counties that each 7 have a population of less than 100,000 may comply with Subsection 8 (a) by developing and making public a joint plan that otherwise 9 complies with Subsection (a).

10 (c) The governing body of a county in which an entity that 11 received a grant under Section 539.002 before September 1, 2017, is 12 located is not required to develop a plan under Subsection (a).

13 SECTION 3. 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, 2017.

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