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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2324 |
| By: Geren |
| County Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  It has been noted that health care provider participation programs help facilitate increased funding for local hospitals. Concerns have been raised regarding the upcoming expiration of such a program for the Tarrant County Hospital District, which is reported to have drawn down more than $100 million in new federal dollars to the county. H.B. 2324 seeks to address these concerns by providing for an extension of the district's health care provider participation program. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 2324 amends the Health and Safety Code to extend the Tarrant County Hospital District health care provider participation program to December 31, 2025. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2019. |