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H.B. No. 1428

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a grant program to support the participation by certain health care providers in TexasAIM.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 32, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. TEXASAIM GRANT PROGRAM

Sec. 32.061. TEXASAIM GRANT PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "TexasAIM" means the program established by the department in collaboration with the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health and the Texas Hospital Association to assist health care providers in implementing maternal safety projects and decreasing incidents of preventable maternal death and severe maternal morbidity by applying best practices for maternal safety and improving maternal health care.

(b) The department shall establish a grant program to provide funding to health care providers who are located in rural or medically underserved areas for travel and attendance costs associated with attending TexasAIM collaborative learning sessions. From available money and any additional money appropriated for this purpose, the department shall award grants as provided by this section.

(c) The executive commissioner by rule shall establish eligibility criteria for awarding grants under this section. The

1 rules must require the department to consider:

2 (1) a geographical area's need for implementing
3 TexasAIM and the extent to which the grant would assist health care
4 providers in the area in meeting the identified need;

5 (2) the availability of other funding sources to meet
6 the identified need; and

7 (3) the participation by health care providers in
8 TexasAIM in the area.

9 (d) The department may approve grants according to
10 department rules. A grant awarded under this section is governed by
11 Chapter 783, Government Code, and rules adopted under that chapter.

12 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2019, the executive
13 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
14 adopt the rules necessary to implement Section 32.061, Health and
15 Safety Code, as added by this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.