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H.B. No. 1585

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on interest or other waiting lists maintained
3 for certain Medicaid programs providing services to persons with
4 intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission
7 shall conduct a study examining the interest or other waiting lists
8 maintained for the following Medicaid programs authorized under
9 Section 1915(c) of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 Section 1396n(c)) that provide services to persons with
11 intellectual and developmental disabilities:

12 (1) the community living assistance and support
13 services (CLASS) waiver program;

14 (2) the home and community-based services (HCS) waiver
15 program;

16 (3) the deaf-blind with multiple disabilities (DBMD)
17 waiver program; and

18 (4) the Texas home living (TxHmL) waiver program.

19 (b) In conducting the study under this section, the Health
20 and Human Services Commission shall:

21 (1) consider and analyze the effect implementation of
22 a managed care delivery system under Medicaid had on the interest or
23 other waiting lists, taking into account the experiences of other
24 states that have implemented similar delivery systems; and

1 (2) identify:

2 (A) additional strategies the commission could
3 employ to eliminate the interest or other waiting lists, including
4 strategies employed by other states and strategies through which
5 this state could receive additional federal funding; and

6 (B) a date by which the commission believes it
7 could eliminate the interest or other waiting lists if the
8 identified strategies were implemented.

9 (c) Not later than September 1, 2020, the Health and Human
10 Services Commission shall submit to the legislature a written
11 report containing the findings of the study conducted under this
12 Act and the commission's recommendations for potential
13 legislation.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.