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H.B. No. 1758

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a grant program and interagency review of resources to support and sustain recovery community organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.02253 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.02253. RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION GRANT PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "recovery community organization" means a nonprofit organization that:

(1) mobilizes resources inside and outside of a local community to increase the prevalence and quality of long-term recovery for persons with substance use disorder and their family members; and

(2) is wholly or partly governed by members of the local community:

(A) at least 40 percent of whom identify as a person recovering from a substance use disorder; and

(B) at least 40 percent of whom identify as an affected family member of a person recovering from a substance use disorder.

(b) The commission shall develop and operate a grant program to award grants to recovery community organizations to:

(1) establish a network of five recovery community organizations in geographical areas throughout this state to

1 provide services in one or more counties with populations of not  
2 more than 100,000; and

3 (2) assist each recovery community organization  
4 described by Subdivision (1) in developing:

5 (A) a structure of governance that aligns with  
6 national best practice standards for substance use recovery  
7 services; and

8 (B) a strategic plan to identify:

9 (i) available resources within a community  
10 served by the recovery community organization;

11 (ii) the prioritized needs of a community  
12 served by the recovery community organization;

13 (iii) recovery support solutions; and

14 (iv) short- and long-term goals for the  
15 sustained operation of the recovery community organization and the  
16 recovery of persons within a community served by the organization.

17 (c) The commission may provide a grant under Subsection (b)  
18 only in accordance with a contract between the commission and the  
19 recovery community organization. The contract must include  
20 provisions under which the commission is granted sufficient control  
21 to ensure the public purpose of substance use recovery is  
22 accomplished and the state receives the return benefit.

23 (d) In addition to money appropriated by the legislature,  
24 the commission may solicit and accept gifts, grants, or donations  
25 from any source to administer or finance the grant program  
26 established under this section.

27 SECTION 2. (a) In this section, "recovery community

1 organization" has the meaning assigned by Section 531.02253,  
2 Government Code, as added by this Act.

3 (b) Each of the following state agencies shall identify  
4 available resources under the state agency's control that may be  
5 used to support and sustain recovery community organizations  
6 throughout this state:

- 7 (1) the Health and Human Services Commission;
- 8 (2) the Department of State Health Services;
- 9 (3) the Department of Family and Protective Services;
- 10 (4) the Texas Education Agency;
- 11 (5) the Department of Agriculture;
- 12 (6) the Texas Department of Housing and Community  
13 Affairs;
- 14 (7) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- 15 (8) the Texas Juvenile Justice Department;
- 16 (9) the Texas Veterans Commission; and
- 17 (10) the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

18 (c) Not later than September 1, 2020, each state agency  
19 described by Subsection (b) of this section shall prepare and  
20 submit to the legislature a written report that outlines the  
21 available resources identified by the state agency under Subsection  
22 (b).

23 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
24 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
25 Services Commission shall adopt rules as necessary to implement  
26 Section 531.02253, Government Code, as added by this Act.

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.