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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

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

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

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

(B) a strategic plan to identify:

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

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

(iii) recovery support solutions; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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