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H.B. No. 2674

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to making an appropriation to the Health and Human Services Commission for children's advocacy centers and court-appointed special advocate programs.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In addition to other appropriations made by the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, the amount of \$2,720,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2021, for the purpose of entering into a contract with a statewide organization that shall provide training, technical assistance, evaluation services, and funds administration to support contractual requirements for local children's advocacy center programs. The statewide organization must be exempt from federal income taxation and be composed of individuals or groups of individuals who have expertise in the establishment and operation of children's advocacy center programs.

(b) In addition to other appropriations made by the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, the amount of \$2,640,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2021, for the purpose of entering into a contract with a statewide organization that shall provide training, technical assistance,

1 and evaluation services for the benefit of local volunteer advocate
2 programs, including court-appointed special advocate programs.
3 The statewide organization must be exempt from federal income
4 taxation and be composed of individuals or groups of individuals
5 who have expertise in the dynamics of child abuse and neglect and
6 experience in operating volunteer advocate programs.

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