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S.B. No. 2268

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to allowing staff who work for or provide counseling under
3 the auspices of a licensed outpatient chemical dependency care
4 facility to provide services in satellite offices or facilities
5 that do not require separate licensures, but operate instead under
6 the license of the sponsoring organization.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 464.003, Health and Safety Code, is
9 amended by adding Subdivision 464.003(9) to read as follows:

10 Section 464.003. EXEMPTIONS. This subchapter does not apply
11 to:

- 12 (1) a facility maintained or operated by the federal
13 government;
- 14 (2) a facility directly operated by the state;
- 15 (3) a facility licensed by the department under Chapter 241,
16 243, 248, 466, or 577;
- 17 (4) an educational program for intoxicated drivers;
- 18 (5) the individual office of a private, licensed health
19 practitioner who personally renders private individual or
20 group services within the scope of the practitioner's
21 license and in the practitioner's office;
- 22 (6) an individual who personally provides counseling or support
23 services to a person with a chemical dependency but does
24 not offer or purport to offer a chemical dependency

1 treatment program;

2 (7) a 12-step or similar self-help chemical dependency recovery
3 program:

4 (A) that does not offer or purport to offer a chemical
5 dependency treatment program;

6 (B) that does not change program participants; and

7 (C) in which program participants may maintain anonymity;

8 (8) a juvenile justice facility or juvenile justice program, as
9 defined by Section 261.405, Family Code; or

10 (9) a satellite office or location in which the person
11 providing services operating under the auspices of a
12 licensed outpatient care facility and the services
13 delivered at the satellite site fall into the scope of the
14 licensure of the outpatient care facility.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all members election to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.