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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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IN RE: HB2324 by Geren (Relating to the continuation of a health care provider participation program by the Tarrant County Hospital District.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill amends Section 298B.004 of the Health and Safety Code to extend Tarrant County Hospital District's health care provider participation program, currently set to expire on December 31, 2019, to December 31, 2025. A health care provider participation program allows a county to collect a mandatory payment from non-public hospitals to fund intergovernmental transfers, subsidize indigent care programs and for payments to Medicaid managed care organizations that are dedicated for payment to hospitals. Intergovernmental transfers are used by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) as the nonfederal share to draw down Medicaid supplemental payments.

HHSC reports that there would be no significant fiscal impact to the agency resulting from implementation of the bill. It is assumed that HHSC would absorb any administrative costs using existing resources.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2019.

Local Government Impact

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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