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By:  Hinojosa S.B. No. 2169

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operations of the Nueces County Hospital District, including the operations of a health care provider participation program administered by the district.

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

SECTION 1.  The heading to Section 281.094, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 281.094.  USE OF [~~CERTAIN~~] FUNDS BY THE NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

SECTION 2.  Section 281.094(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  The [~~With the approval of the Nueces County Commissioners Court, the~~] board of the Nueces County Hospital District may use funds made available to the district from any source [~~sources other than a tax levy~~] to fund health care services for residents of the district, including public health services, mental health and intellectual disability [~~mental retardation~~] services, emergency medical services, health services provided to persons confined in jail facilities, and for other health related purposes if:

(1)  the board determines the district has funds available that are in addition to the funds necessary to satisfy the district's obligation to fund indigent health care for residents of the district; and

(2)  the Nueces County Commissioners Court approves of the board's use of the funds.

SECTION 3.  Section 298C.004, Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapter 694 (S.B. 2315), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 298C.004.  EXPIRATION. (a) Subject to Section 298C.153(d), the authority of the district to administer and operate a program under this chapter expires December 31, 2023 [~~2021~~].

(b)  This chapter expires December 31, 2023 [~~2021~~].

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.