By: Herrero

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT 2 relating to the operations of the Nueces County Hospital District, including the operations of a health care provider participation 3 program administered by the district. 4 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. The heading to Section 281.094, Health and 6 7 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows: Sec. 281.094. USE OF [CERTAIN] FUNDS BY THE NUECES COUNTY 8 HOSPITAL DISTRICT. 9 SECTION 2. Section 281.094(a), Health and Safety Code, is 10 11 amended to read as follows: 12 (a) The [With the approval of the Nueces County Commissioners Court, the] board of the Nueces County Hospital 13 District may use funds made available to the district from any 14 source [sources other than a tax levy] to fund health care services 15 for residents of the district, including public health services, 16 mental health and *intellectual disab*ility [mental retardation] 17 services, emergency medical services, health services provided to 18 persons confined in jail facilities, and for other health related 19 20 purposes <u>if:</u> 21 (1) the board determines the district has funds available that are in addition to the funds necessary to satisfy the 22 23 district's obligation to fund indigent health care for residents of

the district; and

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

3 SECTION 3. Section 298C.004, Health and Safety Code, as 4 added by Chapter 694 (S.B. 2315), Acts of the 86th Legislature, 5 Regular Session, 2019, is repealed.

6 SECTION 4. Section 2, Chapter 694 (S.B. 2315), Acts of the 7 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is repealed.

8 SECTION 5. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails 9 over another Act of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, 10 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted 11 codes.

12 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 16 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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