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H.B. No. 2251

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to matching fund requirements for an entity to receive a community collaborative grant.

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

SECTION 1. Section 539.002(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the department shall require each entity awarded a grant under this section to:

(1) leverage additional funding or in-kind contributions from private sources or local governmental sources in an amount that is at least equal to the amount of the grant awarded under this section;

(2) provide evidence of significant coordination and collaboration between the entity, local mental health authorities, municipalities, local law enforcement agencies, and other community stakeholders in establishing or expanding a community collaborative funded by a grant awarded under this section; and

(3) provide evidence of a local law enforcement policy to divert appropriate persons from jails or other detention facilities to an entity affiliated with a community collaborative for the purpose of providing services to those persons.

SECTION 2. Section 539.0051(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The governing body of a county shall develop and make

1 public a plan detailing:

2 (1) how local mental health authorities,
3 municipalities, local law enforcement agencies, and other
4 community stakeholders in the county could coordinate to establish
5 or expand a community collaborative to accomplish the goals of
6 Section 539.002;

7 (2) how entities in the county may leverage funding
8 from private sources or local governmental sources to accomplish
9 the goals of Section 539.002 through the formation or expansion of a
10 community collaborative; and

11 (3) how the formation or expansion of a community
12 collaborative could establish or support resources or services to
13 help local law enforcement agencies to divert persons who have been
14 arrested to appropriate mental health care or substance abuse
15 treatment.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.