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H.B. No. 4603

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the operations of the Nueces County Hospital District,
3 including the operations of a health care provider participation
4 program administered by the district.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (2) the Nueces County Commissioners Court approves of
2 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 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 298C.004. EXPIRATION. (a) Subject to Section
7 298C.153(d), the authority of the district to administer and
8 operate a program under this chapter expires December 31, 2023
9 [~~2021~~].

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

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