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S.B. No. 1399

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the awarding of grants to initiate, expand, maintain,  
3 and improve emergency medical services and to support medical  
4 systems and facilities that provide trauma care.

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

6 SECTION 3. Section 773.119(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 (b) The executive commissioner by rule shall establish  
9 eligibility criteria for awarding the grants. The rules must  
10 require the department to consider:

11 (1) the need of an area for the provision of emergency  
12 medical services or trauma care and the extent to which the grant  
13 would meet the identified need;

14 (2) the availability of personnel and training  
15 programs;

16 (3) the availability of other funding sources;

17 (4) the assurance of providing quality services;

18 (5) the use or acquisition of helicopters for emergency  
19 medical evacuation; ~~and~~

20 (6) the development or existence of an emergency  
21 medical services system; and

22 (7) the development of a centralized system for the  
23 dispatch, triage, transport, and transfer of patients, including  
24 the use or acquisition of technology, to ensure coordinated patient

1 transports and transfers, the efficient utilization of trauma care  
2 and emergency medical services.

3           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a  
4 vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as provided  
5 by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not  
6 receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes  
7 effect September 1, 2021.