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S.B. No. 1827

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the opioid abatement account.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 403, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 403.1044 to read as follows:

Sec. 403.1044. OPIOID ABATEMENT ACCOUNT. (a) The opioid abatement account is a dedicated account in the general revenue fund.

(b) The account is composed of:

(1) money received by the state from any source resulting directly or indirectly from an action by the state against an opioid manufacturer, an opioid distributor, or another person in the opioid industry relating to a violation of state or federal law on the manufacture, marketing, distribution, or sale of opioids;

(2) money appropriated or transferred to the account by the legislature;

(3) gifts and grants contributed to the account; and

(4) earnings on the principal of the account.

(c) Money in the account may be appropriated only to a state agency for the abatement of opioid-related harms.

(d) A state agency may use money appropriated to the agency from the account only to:

(1) prevent opioid use disorder through

1 evidence-based education and prevention, such as school-based
2 prevention, early intervention, or health care services or programs
3 intended to reduce the risk of opioid use by school-age children;

4 (2) support efforts to prevent or reduce deaths from
5 opioid overdoses or other opioid-related harms, including through
6 increasing the availability or distribution of naloxone or other
7 opioid antagonists for use by health care providers, first
8 responders, persons experiencing an opioid overdose, families,
9 schools, community-based service providers, social workers, or
10 other members of the public;

11 (3) create and provide training on the treatment of
12 opioid addiction, including the treatment of opioid dependence with
13 each medication approved for that purpose by the United States Food
14 and Drug Administration, medical detoxification, relapse
15 prevention, patient assessment, individual treatment planning,
16 counseling, recovery supports, diversion control, and other best
17 practices;

18 (4) provide opioid use disorder treatment for youths
19 and adults, with an emphasis on programs that provide a continuum of
20 care that includes screening and assessment for opioid use disorder
21 and co-occurring behavioral health disorders, early intervention,
22 contingency management, cognitive behavioral therapy, case
23 management, relapse management, counseling services, and
24 medication-assisted treatments;

25 (5) provide access to patients suffering from opioid
26 dependence to all medications approved by the United States Food
27 and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid dependence and

1 relapse prevention following opioid detoxification, including
2 opioid agonists, partial agonists, and antagonists; and

3 (6) support treatment alternatives that provide both
4 psychosocial support and medication-assisted treatments in areas
5 with geographical or transportation-related challenges, including
6 providing access to mobile health services, and telemedicine,
7 particularly in rural areas.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.