

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 1155  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The Bexar County Hospital District's health care provider participation program is set to expire December 31, 2023, and needs to be extended. This program allows for the collection of payments from nonpublic hospitals that are deposited into a local provider participation fund to fund intergovernmental transfers, uniform rate enhancement payments for nonpublic hospitals in the Medicaid managed care service area, and payments to nonpublic hospitals or Medicaid managed care organizations that are dedicated for payment to hospitals. Intergovernmental transfers are used by the Health and Human Services Commission as the nonfederal share to draw down Medicaid supplemental payments. By extending the district's program, the district can continue to collect payments from nonpublic hospitals to help continue to alleviate payments for Medicaid related services and make sure that costs can be mutually covered. S.B. 1155 seeks to address this issue by postponing the expiration of the district's authority to administer and operate a program from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2027.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

S.B. 1155 amends the Health and Safety Code to postpone the expiration of the Bexar County Hospital District's authority to administer and operate a health care provider participation program, and the expiration of provisions governing the program, from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2027.

S.B. 1155 authorizes the district to impose and collect interest and penalties on delinquent mandatory payments assessed under the program in any amount that does not exceed the maximum amount authorized for other delinquent payments owed to the district.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2023.