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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to money awarded to providers of women's health services and family planning services, including the repeal of prohibitions on the provision of those services.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 531.0025, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0025.  [~~RESTRICTIONS ON~~] AWARDS TO FAMILY PLANNING SERVICE PROVIDERS. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, money appropriated to the commission [~~Department of State Health Services~~] for the purpose of providing family planning services must be awarded[~~:~~

[~~(1)~~]  to eligible public and nonpublic entities that provide family planning services in the following order of descending priority:

(1)  entities with a demonstrated, evidence-based, historical capability of achieving the patient and service utilization goals the commission establishes for family planning services; and

(2)  entities with an increased probability of achieving the goals described by Subdivision (1)

[~~(A)  public entities that provide family planning services, including state, county, and local community health clinics and federally qualified health centers;~~

[~~(B)  nonpublic entities that provide comprehensive primary and preventive care services in addition to family planning services; and~~

[~~(C)  nonpublic entities that provide family planning services but do not provide comprehensive primary and preventive care services; or~~

[~~(2)  as otherwise directed by the legislature in the General Appropriations Act~~].

(b)  Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the commission [~~Department of State Health Services~~] shall, in compliance with federal law, ensure distribution of funds for family planning services in a manner that provides equitable [~~does not severely limit or eliminate~~] access to [~~those~~] services in all regions [~~any region~~] of the state.

SECTION 2.  The following provisions are repealed:

(1)  Chapter 2273, Government Code; and

(2)  Section 32.024(c-1), Human Resources Code.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.