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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Rita Littlefield Chronic Kidney Disease Centralized Resource Center established within the Health and Human Services Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 83A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 83A. RITA LITTLEFIELD CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE CENTRALIZED RESOURCE CENTER

Sec. 83A.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "resource center" means the Rita Littlefield Chronic Kidney Disease Centralized Resource Center established under this chapter.

Sec. 83A.002. ESTABLISHMENT OF RESOURCE CENTER. The Rita Littlefield Chronic Kidney Disease Centralized Resource Center is established within the commission to serve as a centralized system through which persons may:

(1) request and obtain information on:

(A) chronic kidney disease and related illnesses, including each clinical stage of kidney disease and end stage renal disease; and

(B) genetic testing and genetic counseling for genetic kidney diseases, including APOL1-mediated kidney disease; and

(2) register for inclusion in a kidney health clinical

1 trials registry to receive information on clinical trials and
2 clinical trial opportunities for chronic kidney disease and related
3 illnesses.

4 Sec. 83A.003. ADMINISTRATION OF RESOURCE CENTER. (a) The
5 commission shall administer the resource center in accordance with
6 this chapter.

7 (b) The commission shall:

8 (1) structure and operate the resource center in a
9 manner that provides a comprehensive approach for readily accessing
10 information on and resources for chronic kidney disease and related
11 illnesses, including for each clinical stage of kidney disease and
12 end stage renal disease; and

13 (2) establish, and the resource center shall maintain,
14 a kidney health clinical trials registry through which patients and
15 family members of those patients may register to receive
16 educational information on clinical trials and clinical trial
17 opportunities based on the clinical stage of a patient's chronic
18 kidney disease or end stage renal disease.

19 (c) The comprehensive approach described by Subsection
20 (b)(1) must allow individuals to request and obtain or to directly
21 access aggregated information on:

22 (1) chronic kidney disease awareness, prevention, and
23 professional education opportunities, including:

24 (A) awareness campaigns for chronic kidney
25 disease and related illnesses;

26 (B) information on accessing free screenings for
27 chronic kidney disease and related illnesses;

1 (C) professional resources and continuing
2 education opportunities for health care providers who treat
3 patients with chronic kidney disease or related illnesses;

4 (D) for individuals who register for inclusion in
5 the clinical trials registry established under Subsection (b)(2),
6 information on clinical trials and clinical trial opportunities for
7 chronic kidney disease and related illnesses; and

8 (E) information on chronic kidney disease
9 partners, including chronic kidney disease patient advocates,
10 dialysis professionals, health care providers, researchers,
11 manufacturers, and other appropriate persons;

12 (2) patient and family resources, including:

13 (A) educational resources containing general and
14 specific chronic kidney disease information;

15 (B) resources containing information on chronic
16 kidney disease prevention and early detection of chronic kidney
17 disease and related illnesses;

18 (C) nutritional and metabolism information for
19 individuals with chronic kidney disease and related illnesses;

20 (D) resources appropriately tailored to provide
21 information on chronic kidney disease and related illnesses to
22 individuals within groups that experience health disparities,
23 including racial minorities;

24 (E) directories for physicians who specialize in
25 kidney health; and

26 (F) programs through which an individual may
27 obtain a kidney donation or be placed on a kidney donation list;

1 (3) resources on chronic kidney disease treatment
2 options and modalities, including:

3 (A) kidney donations and kidney transplantation
4 initiatives;

5 (B) deceased and living organ donation programs
6 and initiatives;

7 (C) organ recipient registries;

8 (D) treatment options for chronic kidney disease
9 and end stage renal disease;

10 (E) financial assistance for obtaining treatment
11 for chronic kidney disease or related illnesses; and

12 (F) options for receiving treatment for chronic
13 kidney disease or related illnesses through the use of telehealth
14 service or telemedicine medical service, as those terms are defined
15 by Section 111.001, Occupations Code; and

16 (4) genetic testing and genetic counseling for genetic
17 kidney diseases, including APOL1-mediated kidney disease.

18 (d) The commission shall ensure information provided by the
19 resource center is available in both English and Spanish.

20 Sec. 83A.004. INTERNET WEBSITE. In collaboration with the
21 Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force established under Chapter 83, the
22 commission shall establish and the resource center shall maintain
23 an Internet website through which:

24 (1) resource center employees and members of the
25 public may directly communicate and exchange information on chronic
26 kidney disease and related illnesses; and

27 (2) individuals may register in the clinical trials

1 registry established under Section 83A.003(b)(2).

2 Sec. 83A.005. GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. The commission
3 may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source
4 to implement this chapter.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.