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H.B. No. 2932

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of and funding for additional program of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) sites; making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.0534 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.0534. ADDITIONAL PACE PROGRAM SITES. (a) The commission shall establish three PACE program sites that are in addition to the PACE program sites operating before September 1, 2023. Each of the additional sites must:

(1) have capacity to serve a maximum of 300 program slots; and

(2) be administered by an entity with available facility space and demonstrated administrative capacity.

(b) A PACE program site established under Subsection (a) must:

(1) support the goals of:

(A) increased access to health care services;

(B) options for eligible individuals; and

(C) improved public health outcomes;

(2) comply with Section 32.053 and all regulatory requirements; and

(3) be approved as a provider agency by the Centers for

1 Medicare and Medicaid Services.

2       (c) If money appropriated by the legislature to the  
3 commission for purposes of this section is insufficient to fund the  
4 additional slots described by Subsection (a) for a state fiscal  
5 biennium, the executive commissioner shall submit a written request  
6 to the Legislative Budget Board and the governor for approval to  
7 transfer money appropriated to the commission for the biennium for  
8 other purposes to fund the additional slots. The request is  
9 considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the  
10 governor issues a written disapproval of the request not later than  
11 the 30th business day after the date Legislative Budget Board staff  
12 conclude a review of the request and forward the review to the chair  
13 of the house appropriations committee, the chair of the senate  
14 finance committee, the speaker of the house of representatives, and  
15 the lieutenant governor. Any request for additional information  
16 the Legislative Budget Board makes tolls the counting of the 30  
17 business days.

18       (d) On the request of the commission, the Legislative Budget  
19 Board, or the governor, a PACE program provider shall provide  
20 information related to the provider's actual costs, caseloads, and  
21 services for purposes of this section.

22       SECTION 2. The amount of \$16.48 million is appropriated  
23 from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services  
24 Commission for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023,  
25 for the purpose of establishing additional program of all-inclusive  
26 care for the elderly (PACE) sites in accordance with Section  
27 32.0534, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act.

1           SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
2 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
3 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
4 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
5 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
6 waiver or authorization is granted.

7           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.