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H.B. No. 3606

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;~~

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

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

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

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

15           SECTION 2. The following provisions are repealed:

- 16                   (1) Chapter [2273](#), Government Code; and  
17                   (2) Section [32.024\(c-1\)](#), Human Resources Code.

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