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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the approval of equivalent educational programs for
- 3 persons whose driver's license is suspended following conviction of
- 4 certain drug offenses.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 521.376, Transportation Code, is amended
- 7 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
- 8 follows:
- 9 (b) The Department of State Health Services:
- 10 (1) shall monitor, coordinate, and provide training
- 11 to residential treatment facilities described by Section
- 12  $\underline{521.374(a)(2)(C)}$  [ $\underline{521.374(a)(2)}$ ] providing equivalent education;
- 13 and
- 14 (2) shall administer the approval of the equivalent
- 15 education provided in a [residential treatment] facility described
- 16 by Section 521.374(a)(2)(A) or (B).
- 17 (c) The Texas Department of Criminal Justice or a community
- 18 <u>supervision and corrections department established under Chapter</u>
- 19 76, Government Code, operating an equivalent educational program in
- 20 a facility described by Section 521.374(a)(2)(A) or (B), as
- 21 applicable, shall submit information regarding the program to the
- 22 Department of State Health Services for approval under this
- 23 subchapter.
- SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.