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H.B. No. 5280

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Regional or Local Health Care Programs.

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

SECTION 1. Title 2, Subtitle C, Chapter 75, Health and Safety Code, is amended by to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 75.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Employee" means an individual employed by an employer. The term includes a partner of a partnership and the proprietor of a sole proprietorship.

(2) "Governing body" means:

(A) the commissioners courts of the counties participating in a regional health care program;

(B) the commissioners court of a county participating in a local health care program; or

(C) the governing body of the joint council, nonprofit entity exempt from federal taxation, or other entity that operates a regional or local health care program or three - share premium assistance programs including, but not limited to, TexHealth Central Texas.

(3) "Local health care program" means a local health care program operating in one county and established for the benefit of the employees of small employers under Subchapter B.

(4) "Regional health care program" means a regional

1 health care program operating in two or more counties and
2 established for the benefit of the employees of small employers
3 under Subchapter B.

4 (5) "Small employer" means a person who employed an
5 average of at least two employees but not more than 50 employees on
6 business days during the preceding calendar year and who employs at
7 least two employees on the first day of the plan year.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.