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H.B. No. 3269

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) obtain information on:

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

(2) receive information on clinical trials and clinical trial opportunities for chronic kidney disease and related illnesses.

Sec. 83A.003. ADMINISTRATION OF RESOURCE CENTER. (a) The

1 commission shall administer the resource center in accordance with
2 this chapter.

3 (b) The commission shall:

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

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

15 (c) The comprehensive approach described by Subsection
16 (b)(1) must allow individuals to obtain or to directly access
17 aggregated information on:

18 (1) chronic kidney disease awareness, prevention, and
19 professional education opportunities, including:

20 (A) awareness campaigns for chronic kidney
21 disease and related illnesses;

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

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

27 (D) for individuals who register for inclusion in

1 the kidney health clinical trials registry established under
2 Subsection (b)(2), information on clinical trials and clinical
3 trial opportunities for chronic kidney disease and related
4 illnesses; and

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

9 (2) patient and family resources, including:

10 (A) educational resources containing general and
11 specific chronic kidney disease information;

12 (B) resources containing information on chronic
13 kidney disease prevention and early detection of chronic kidney
14 disease and related illnesses;

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

17 (D) directories for physicians who specialize in
18 kidney health;

19 (3) resources on chronic kidney disease treatment
20 options and modalities, including:

21 (A) kidney donations and kidney transplantation
22 initiatives;

23 (B) deceased and living organ donation programs
24 and initiatives;

25 (C) organ recipient registries;

26 (D) treatment options for chronic kidney disease
27 and end stage renal disease;

1 (E) financial assistance for obtaining treatment
2 for chronic kidney disease or related illnesses.

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

5 Sec. 83A.004. INTERNET WEBSITE. In collaboration with the
6 Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force established under Chapter 83, the
7 commission shall add and maintain information and resources of the
8 resource center on the commission's Internet website.

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

12 SECTION 2. The Health and Human Services Commission is
13 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
14 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If
15 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
16 purpose, the commission may, but is not required to, implement a
17 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that
18 purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.