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H.B. No. 5153

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision and reimbursement of health care services by local public health entities under the child health plan program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 62.1552 to read as follows:

Sec. 62.1552. LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH ENTITIES. (a) In this section, "local public health entity" means:

(1) a local health unit described by Section 121.004;

(2) a local health department established under Subchapter D, Chapter 121; and

(3) a public health district established under Subchapter E, Chapter 121.

(b) The executive commissioner shall establish a separate provider type for a local public health entity for purposes of enrollment and reimbursement as a provider under the child health plan program.

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

1 SECTION 3. The Health and Human Services Commission is
2 required to implement Section 62.1552, Health and Safety Code, as
3 added by this Act, only if the legislature appropriates money
4 specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not
5 appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the commission
6 may, but is not required to, implement Section 62.1552 using other
7 appropriations that are available for that purpose.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.