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S.B. No. 738

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the use of unclaimed lottery prize money to benefit the  
3 child-care services program administered by the Texas Workforce  
4 Commission.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 466.408(b), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) If a claim is not made for prize money on or before the  
9 180th day after the date on which the winner was selected, the prize  
10 money shall be used in the following order of priority:

11 (1) subject to legislative appropriation, not more  
12 than \$20 million in prize money each year may be deposited to the  
13 Department of State Health Services state-owned multicategorical  
14 teaching hospital account, which is an account in the general  
15 revenue fund, or appropriated from that account to provide indigent  
16 health care services as specified in Chapter 61, Health and Safety  
17 Code;

18 (2) not more than \$5 million in prize money each year  
19 may be appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission and  
20 shall be used to support the provision of inpatient hospital  
21 services in hospitals located in the 15 counties that comprise the  
22 Texas-Mexico border area, with payment for those services to be not  
23 less than the amount established under the Tax Equity and Fiscal  
24 Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) cost reimbursement methodology

1 for the hospital providing the services;

2 (3) [~~the remaining amount,~~] not more than [~~to exceed~~]  
3 \$5 million in prize money in each state fiscal year less any amount  
4 deposited in the fund in that year attributable to the lottery game  
5 operated under Section 466.027[~~7~~] shall be deposited to the fund  
6 for veterans' assistance; [~~and~~]

7 (4) the remaining amount, not to exceed \$5 million in  
8 prize money in each state fiscal year, shall be deposited to the  
9 general revenue fund for appropriation only to fund the child-care  
10 services program administered by the Texas Workforce Commission;  
11 and

12 (5) all prize money subject to this section and not  
13 deposited or appropriated in accordance with Subdivision (1), (2),  
14 [~~or~~] (3), or (4) shall be deposited to the credit of the foundation  
15 school fund.

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
17 466.408, Government Code, applies only to an unclaimed prize for a  
18 lottery game for which the winner was selected on or after the  
19 effective date of this Act. An unclaimed prize for which the winner  
20 was selected before the effective date of this Act is governed by  
21 the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this  
22 Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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