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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to substance use disorder treatment services provided and organizations eligible for funding under the Thriving Texas Families Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.002(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The Thriving Texas Families Program shall:

(1) promote healthy pregnancy and childbirth;

(2) promote childbirth as an alternative to abortion;

(3) increase access to resources that promote family and child development;

(4) encourage family formation;

(5) help parents establish and implement successful parenting techniques;

(5-a) help families create an environment free from substance use;

(6) increase the number of families who achieve economic self-sufficiency; and

(7) provide a local approach and personalized support to pregnant women to promote childbirth in all instances of pregnancy.

SECTION 2. Section 54.003(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Services provided through the program include:

(1) counseling and mentoring on pregnancy, education, parenting skills, adoption services, life skills, and employment readiness topics;

(2) care coordination for prenatal, perinatal, and postnatal services, including connecting participants to health services;

(2-a) substance use disorder treatment for parents, pregnant women, and other individuals eligible for program services;

(3) educational materials and information about pregnancy, parenting, and adoption services;

(4) referrals to governmental and social service programs, including child care, transportation, housing, and state and federal benefit programs;

(5) classes on life skills, personal finance, parenthood, stress management, job training, job readiness, job placement, and educational attainment;

(6) provision of supplies for infant care and pregnancy, including car seats, cribs, maternity clothes, infant diapers, and formula;

(7) housing services; and

(8) assistance in identifying and applying for stable housing services other than housing provided as authorized by Subsection (d).

SECTION 3. Section 54.011(d), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) An organization is not eligible for funding under this chapter if the organization:

(1) is a governmental entity or quasi-governmental entity;

(2) is a hospital or hospital district;

(3) primarily functions as a medical[~~, behavioral health, or mental health~~] provider;

(4) shares any employees or members of its governing body with an abortion services provider; or

(5) is affiliated with, collaborates, or has a relationship with an organization that shares any employees or members of its governing body with an abortion services provider.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.