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H.B. No. 4801

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the establishment of a grant program to allow the Nueces  
3 County Hospital District to recruit and retain certain medical  
4 professionals.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 281.094(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b) The board of the Nueces County Hospital District may use  
9 funds made available to the district from any source to fund:

- 10 (1) indigent health care; ~~and~~  
11 (2) intergovernmental transfers from the district to  
12 the state for use as the nonfederal share of Medicaid supplemental  
13 payment program or waiver program payments for eligible health care  
14 providers located inside or outside the district's boundaries,  
15 including, but not limited to, any payments available through a  
16 waiver granted under Section 1115, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
17 Section 1315), or other similar payment programs, subject to the  
18 limitation prescribed by Subsection (c); and

19 (3) the grant program established under Section  
20 281.0941.

21 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 281, Health and Safety  
22 Code, is amended by adding Section 281.0941 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 281.0941. NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT GRANT  
24 PROGRAM. (a) The board of the Nueces County Hospital District

1 shall establish and administer a grant program for hospitals  
2 located in the hospital district to provide the funding necessary  
3 to:

4 (1) allow hospitals in the district to:

5 (A) retain physicians currently practicing at  
6 those hospitals; and

7 (B) recruit physicians who practice medicine in a  
8 specialty or subspecialty providing treatment for the most common  
9 and critical health care needs of the residents of the hospital  
10 district to practice at those hospitals; and

11 (2) increase the number of residency positions at  
12 hospitals in the district.

13 (b) The board of the hospital district shall:

14 (1) prescribe the manner in which a hospital in the  
15 district may apply for a grant under this section;

16 (2) establish eligibility and selection criteria for a  
17 hospital to be awarded a grant under this section; and

18 (3) establish accountability controls for hospitals  
19 awarded a grant under this section to ensure:

20 (A) the grant is used in a manner that is  
21 consistent with the public purpose of providing medical and  
22 hospital care for the indigent residents of the district; and

23 (B) the district receives a benefit in return for  
24 the award of the grant.

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