

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2324  
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County Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

It has been noted that health care provider participation programs help facilitate increased funding for local hospitals. Concerns have been raised regarding the upcoming expiration of such a program for the Tarrant County Hospital District, which is reported to have drawn down more than \$100 million in new federal dollars to the county. H.B. 2324 seeks to address these concerns by providing for an extension of the district's health care provider participation program.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2324 amends the Health and Safety Code to extend the Tarrant County Hospital District health care provider participation program to December 31, 2025.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2019.