

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, certain hospitals are required or authorized to provide information collected by the Texas Health Care Information Council (council) regarding health care fees, effectiveness, and quality. Additionally, certain hospitals are required or authorized to provide information collected by the Texas Department of Health (department) regarding financial and utilization data. For hospitals that do not seek to receive reimbursement of any kind (private pay, third-party insurance, Medicaid, et al.) for medical services, the cost of collecting, coding and reporting the extensive financially-focused data required by the council and the department can be prohibitive and can drain money away from other medical services. This bill would authorize, but not require, hospitals that are exempt from state franchise, sales, ad valorem, or other state or local taxes, and that do not seek or receive reimbursement for providing health care services to patients from any source, to provide such information to the council and the department, respectively.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 802 authorizes, but does not require, certain hospitals to provide certain information to the Texas Health Care Information Council and the Texas Department of Health, respectively.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 108.009(c), Health and Safety Code, to authorize a rural provider to provide the data required by this chapter, rather than section. Authorizes a hospital to provide the data required by this chapter if the hospital is exempt from state franchise, sales, ad valorem, or other state or local taxes; and does not seek or receive reimbursement for providing health care services to patients from any source.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 311C, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 311.039, as follows:

Sec. 311.039. EXEMPTION. Authorizes a hospital to provide data required by Section 311.033 if the hospital is exempt from state franchise, sales, ad valorem, or other state or local taxes; and does not seek to receive reimbursements for providing health care services to patients from any source.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.