

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1854
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DIGEST

Currently, there is concern that indigent health care services may be inaccessible to some persons due to the lack of such services in certain geographical locations and the lack of transportation. This bill would authorize the Harris County Hospital District to contract with certain entities for indigent health care services.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1854 authorizes the Harris County Hospital District to contract with certain entities for indigent health care services.

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 Chapter 281C, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 281.0514, as follows:

Sec. 281.0514. HARRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT; CONTRACT WITH CERTAIN HOSPITALS. Authorizes the Harris County Hospital District (district) to contract for indigent health care services with at least one hospital that is: located in the district; exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and substantially devoted to providing hospital services to socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in the geographical area of the district. Subjects a contract under this section to Section 281.051(a), Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.