

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

In order to meet its obligations to its community and provide care for the needy and indigent population of South Texas, the Bexar County Hospital District needs greater flexibility with regard to the employment arrangements available to the district.

H.B. 2351 allows the Bexar County Hospital District to employ physicians directly.

H.B. 2351 amends current law relating to the authority of the Bexar County Hospital District to employ physicians.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 281, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 281.0283, as follows:

Sec. 281.0283. BEXAR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT; EMPLOYMENT OF PHYSICIANS. (a) Authorizes the board of the Bexar County Hospital District (board; district) to employ physicians as the board considers necessary for the efficient operation of the district.

(b) Requires a physician employed by the district under this section to practice with a nonprofit health organization certified by the Texas Medical Board (TMB) and created by the district.

(c) Prohibits the term of an employment contract entered into under this section from exceeding four years.

(d) Prohibits this section from being construed as authorizing the board to supervise or control the practice of medicine, as prohibited by Subtitle B (Physicians), Title 3 (Health Professions), Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.