

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1462
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that changes to the governing statutes of certain health care funding districts and health care provider participation programs are needed to provide for greater flexibility and efficiency. S.B. 1462 seeks to address this need by amending those statutes.

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

S.B. 1462 amends the Health and Safety Code to revise statutory provisions relating to certain health care funding districts, county health care provider participation programs, and municipal health care provider participation programs. The bill, as applicable, includes among the authorized uses of money deposited to such an entity's local provider participation fund the funding of intergovernmental transfers to the state to provide payments to Medicaid managed care organizations that are dedicated for payment to hospitals and the refunding to paying hospitals of the proportionate share of money that cannot be used to fund the nonfederal share of Medicaid supplemental payment program payments. The bill replaces provisions providing for the collection of mandatory payments by the county or municipal tax assessor-collector, as applicable, and authorizing the appropriate governing body to contract for the assessment and collection of mandatory payments with an authorization for the respective district, county, or municipality to collect or contract for the assessment and collection of mandatory payments. The bill changes the definition of "institutional health care provider" for purposes of certain county health care provider participation programs from a nonpublic hospital licensed under the Texas Hospital Licensing Law to a nonpublic hospital that provides inpatient hospital services.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.