

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4212
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Appropriations
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties suggest that the standards for renewal of the Texas health care transformation and quality improvement program waiver are in need of clarification. H.B. 4212 seeks to provide that clarification.

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. 4212 amends the Government Code to require any renewal of the Texas health care transformation and quality improvement program waiver issued under specified provisions of the federal Social Security Act to allocate funding to hospitals and other safety net providers to ensure the financial viability of the hospitals and providers; provide incentives for developing and expanding local and regional health care systems in order to reduce health care costs and increase the amount and types of health care services provided to uninsured persons and for encouraging Medicaid recipients to actively participate in their health care and engage in healthy behaviors; provide a continuum of health care services for Medicaid recipients that includes certain specified care and services; allow for variation in the manner Medicaid services are delivered; and ensure that any additional federal matching funds available are accepted and used to provide local and regional health care services to otherwise uninsured persons.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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