

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the El Paso Hospital District, which operates El Paso's largest acute care hospital, and the Texas Tech Health and Science Center, which trains medical students and resident physicians on the hospital staff, are requesting statutory language to formalize the coordinated public health care delivery system which the two entities have agreed to in principle. The two entities have developed an agreement to integrate their operations and jointly contract with health and managed care providers, while preserving each entity's identity and autonomy. This legislation authorizes the El Paso Hospital District and the Texas Tech Health Science Center in El Paso to create a new integrated organization to improve health care delivery to the citizens of El Paso by strengthening the ability of both parties to carry out their respective missions and encouraging participation by providers currently outside the two institutions.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1824 provides for the formation of an integrated health care system by a hospital district and a public medical school.

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 281.0517, as follows:

Sec. 281.0517. INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. Defines "integrated health care system," "provider," and "public medical school." Authorizes a hospital district and a public medical school to establish and operate an integrated health care system. Authorizes an integrated health care system, to provide or arrange for comprehensive health care services, to own, acquire, lease, or contract for all necessary assets; enter into contracts with providers; provide or enter into a contract with an individual or business entity; enter into a contract or other agreement with a business or governmental entity; and enter into a fee-for-service, capitated, or risk-sharing health care service arrangement. Provides that an integrated health care system is a unit of local government and subject to certain statutory law. Authorizes an integrated health care system, notwithstanding Subsection (d)(1)(A), to hold a closed meeting to deliberate certain issues. Provides that information relating to certain issues is confidential and not subject to disclosure, notwithstanding Subsection (d)(1)(B).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.