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H.B. No. 711

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a childhood health program grant.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter W to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER W. CHILDHOOD HEALTH PROGRAM GRANTS

Sec. 161.651. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "department" means the Department of State Health Services.

Sec. 161.652. CHILDHOOD HEALTH PROGRAM GRANTS. (a) Subject to the availability of funds as described by Subsection (h), the department shall develop and implement a grant program to support programs related to childhood health, fitness, and obesity prevention.

(b) The department shall request proposals for the award of a grant under the program. The department shall evaluate the proposals and award a grant based on a proposed program's quantifiable effectiveness and potentially positive impact on the health of children who participate in the program.

(c) A grant awarded under this section must be made to an organization that has committed resources to the program described in the proposal.

(d) A grant recipient may use grant money received under this section only to pay for activities directly related to the purpose of the grant program as described by Subsection (a) and may

1 not use grant money for fees or advertising.

2 (e) The department shall establish procedures to administer
3 the grant program, including a procedure for the submission of a
4 proposal and a procedure to be used by the department to evaluate a
5 proposal.

6 (f) The department shall enter into a contract that includes
7 performance requirements with each grant recipient. The
8 department shall monitor and enforce the terms of the
9 contract. The contract must authorize the department to recoup
10 grant money from a grant recipient for failure of the grant
11 recipient to comply with the terms of the contract.

12 (g) The legislature may not appropriate money, other than
13 money described by Subsection (h), for the purpose of awarding
14 grants under this section.

15 (h) The department may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and
16 donations from any public or private source to implement this
17 subchapter.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.