

1-1 By: Alvarado, et al. S.B. No. 1966
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2023; March 21, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
 1-4 April 20, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-5 Nays 2; April 20, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a grant program for school-based health care
 1-20 initiatives established to serve certain underserved students.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 531.0606 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 531.0606. SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE GRANT PROGRAM. (a)
 1-25 In this section, "program" means the school-based health care grant
 1-26 program established under this section.

1-27 (b) Using legislative appropriations available for that
 1-28 purpose, the commission shall establish and administer a grant
 1-29 program for health care organizations to implement, maintain, and
 1-30 expand a school-based health care initiative for underserved
 1-31 students and to provide those students with preventative, primary,
 1-32 and behavioral health care, including:

- 1-33 (1) medical services;
- 1-34 (2) dental services;
- 1-35 (3) therapeutic services; and
- 1-36 (4) nonmedical services, such as nutritional
 1-37 services.

1-38 (c) The commission shall establish grant application
 1-39 procedures, criteria for evaluating applications and awarding
 1-40 grants, and procedures for monitoring the use of grants awarded
 1-41 under the program and ensuring compliance with any condition of a
 1-42 grant awarded under the program.

1-43 (d) A grant recipient must use grant money to establish a
 1-44 school-based health care initiative for a school district that has
 1-45 a student population with at least 50 percent of its students who:

- 1-46 (1) are uninsured or underinsured; or
- 1-47 (2) receive free or reduced-price lunches.

1-48 (e) The commission may award a grant under the program only
 1-49 in accordance with a contract between the commission and a grant
 1-50 recipient. The contract must include provisions granting the
 1-51 commission sufficient control over the money awarded to ensure the
 1-52 public purpose of providing health care services to underserved
 1-53 students is accomplished and this state receives the return
 1-54 benefit.

1-55 SECTION 2. The Health and Human Services Commission is
 1-56 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
 1-57 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If
 1-58 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
 1-59 purpose, the commission may, but is not required to, implement a
 1-60 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that
 1-61 purpose.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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