

1-1 By: Blanco S.B. No. 2023
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2025; March 17, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
1-4 April 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 2; April 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the establishment of a grant program to support the
1-20 disposition of deceased paupers' bodies.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 694, Health and Safety Code, is amended
1-23 by adding Section 694.004 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 694.004. DECEASED PAUPERS GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The
1-25 Health and Human Services Commission may develop a deceased paupers
1-26 grant program to award grants from the deceased paupers grant
1-27 account established by this section to counties for the purpose of
1-28 paying certain costs associated with the disposition of deceased
1-29 paupers' bodies in accordance with Section 694.002.

1-30 (b) The Health and Human Services Commission may award a
1-31 grant under the grant program to a county to be used for:

1-32 (1) paying the costs incurred in disposing of deceased
1-33 paupers' bodies in accordance with Section 694.002; and

1-34 (2) administering the county's body disposition
1-35 activities.

1-36 (c) The deceased paupers grant account is a dedicated
1-37 account in the general revenue fund and consists of:

1-38 (1) appropriations of money to the account by the
1-39 legislature;

1-40 (2) gifts, grants, and other donations received for
1-41 the account; and

1-42 (3) interest earned on the investment of money in the
1-43 account.

1-44 (d) Money in the deceased paupers grant account may be used
1-45 by the Health and Human Services Commission only to:

1-46 (1) award grants under this section; and

1-47 (2) administer the deceased paupers grant program
1-48 under this section.

1-49 (e) If the Health and Human Services Commission develops a
1-50 deceased paupers grant program under this section, the executive
1-51 commissioner shall adopt rules for the administration of that
1-52 program.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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