

1-1 By: Jetton, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 1898  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2023;  
 1-3 April 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
 1-4 & Human Services; May 21, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1;  
 1-6 May 21, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
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1-15		X		
1-16	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1898 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a grant program to fund the provision by children's  
 1-22 hospitals of mental and behavioral health services to children in  
 1-23 this state.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
 1-26 amended by adding Section 531.09936 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 531.09936. GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL  
 1-28 HEALTH SERVICES BY CERTAIN CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS. (a) In this  
 1-29 section:

1-30 (1) "Children's hospital" means a hospital designated  
 1-31 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a children's  
 1-32 hospital that is exempted by that federal agency from payment under  
 1-33 the inpatient prospective payment system under Medicare.

1-34 (2) "Grant program" means the grant program  
 1-35 established under Subsection (b).

1-36 (b) If and to the extent money is specifically appropriated  
 1-37 to the commission for that purpose, the commission shall establish  
 1-38 a grant program under which the commission provides grants to  
 1-39 children's hospitals that the hospitals may, except as provided by  
 1-40 Subsection (e), use to directly provide mental and behavioral  
 1-41 health services to children in this state.

1-42 (c) A children's hospital may apply for a grant under the  
 1-43 grant program in the form and manner prescribed by the commission.

1-44 (d) A grant recipient may not use a grant awarded under the  
 1-45 grant program to:

1-46 (1) reimburse an expense or pay a cost that a health  
 1-47 benefit plan or other source, including Medicaid, is obligated to  
 1-48 reimburse or pay by law or contract; or

1-49 (2) provide mental health services, including  
 1-50 treatments or procedures, to a child that affirm the child's  
 1-51 perception of the child's sex if that perception is inconsistent  
 1-52 with the child's biological sex.

1-53 (e) The commission shall monitor and evaluate the use of  
 1-54 money awarded under the grant program to ensure compliance with  
 1-55 this section.

1-56 (f) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,  
 1-57 the commission shall submit a biennial report to the legislature on  
 1-58 the performance of the grant program during the preceding two state  
 1-59 fiscal years. The report must include the name of each grant  
 1-60 recipient awarded a grant under the program and the amount of the

2-1 recipient's award during the fiscal years covered by the report.

2-2 (g) This section expires September 1, 2027.

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

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