

## CHAPTER 287

## S.B. No. 620

An Act relating to a county's authority to contract with a public or private alcoholism prevention, intervention, or treatment program or center, to eligibility of such programs or centers, and to provision of payment for services rendered under the contract.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1. COUNTY CONTRACTS WITH ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM OR CENTER.** A county or a group of counties acting together may contract with a public or private alcoholism prevention, intervention, or treatment program or center to provide public health services in the form of prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation to persons suffering from alcoholism or at risk of becoming alcoholics.

**SECTION 2. APPLICATION.** (a) To be eligible to contract with a county, a public or private alcoholism prevention or intervention program or center must submit an application to the regional alcoholism advisory committee established by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism to serve the area in which the program or center is located or in which the program or center will provide services. To be eligible to contract with a county, a public or private alcoholism treatment or rehabilitation program or center must be licensed by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism in addition to submitting an application as provided by this subsection.

(b) Each regional alcoholism advisory committee shall adopt rules governing the procedure for submitting an application.

**SECTION 3. RANKING OF APPLICATIONS.** (a) Each regional alcoholism advisory committee shall review each application received and shall rank the applications using guidelines established by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism for reviewing funding applications.

(b) At least twice each year, each regional alcoholism advisory committee shall submit a ranked list of all applications received during the previous six-month period to each county in the region the committee serves.

**SECTION 4. SELECTION OF AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.** (a) A county or a group of counties acting together may contract only with a public or private alcoholism prevention, intervention, or treatment program or center included in a list submitted by the regional alcoholism advisory committee serving the county or counties.

(b) To pay for services rendered under a contract with a public or private alcoholism prevention, intervention, or treatment program or center, the commissioners court by order may dedicate for payment to the program or center a percentage of the money received by the county as fines for alcohol-related offenses under Article 67011-1, Revised Statutes.

**SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 1, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; Senate concurred in House amendment on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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