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H.B. No. 728

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the statewide interagency aging services coordinating council.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter M-2 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER M-2. STATEWIDE INTERAGENCY AGING SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL

Sec. 531.491. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Council" means the statewide interagency aging services coordinating council.

(2) "Strategic plan" means the statewide interagency aging services strategic plan required under Section 531.497(1).

Sec. 531.492. PURPOSE. The council is established to ensure a strategic statewide approach to interagency aging services.

Sec. 531.493. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), the council is composed of at least one representative appointed by each of the following agencies and entities:

(1) the governor's office;

(2) the commission, including one representative of the commission's aging services coordination office;

(3) the Department of Family and Protective Services;

- 1           (4) the Department of State Health Services;  
2           (5) the Department of Agriculture's office of rural  
3 health;  
4           (6) the Texas Veterans Commission;  
5           (7) the Texas Workforce Commission;  
6           (8) the office of the attorney general;  
7           (9) the Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging  
8 Studies at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San  
9 Antonio;  
10           (10) the Texas Aging and Longevity Consortium at The  
11 University of Texas at Austin; and  
12           (11) the Center for Community Health and Aging at  
13 Texas A&M University.

14           (b) The executive commissioner shall determine the number  
15 of representatives that each agency or entity may appoint to serve  
16 on the council.

17           (c) The council may authorize another state agency or entity  
18 that provides specific interagency aging services with the use of  
19 appropriated money to appoint a representative to the council.

20           (d) A council member serves at the pleasure of the  
21 appointing agency or entity.

22           Sec. 531.494. TERMS; VACANCY. (a) Council members serve  
23 six-year terms.

24           (b) A vacancy on the council shall be filled in the same  
25 manner as the original appointment. A council member appointed to  
26 fill a vacancy on the council shall serve the remainder of the  
27 unexpired term.

1       Sec. 531.495. PRESIDING OFFICER. The representative of the  
2 commission's aging services coordination office appointed under  
3 Section 531.493(a) shall serve as the presiding officer.

4       Sec. 531.496. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at least  
5 once quarterly or more frequently at the call of the presiding  
6 officer.

7       Sec. 531.497. POWERS AND DUTIES. The council:

8           (1) shall, in accordance with Section 531.498:

9                   (A) develop a recurring five-year statewide  
10 interagency aging services strategic plan; and

11                   (B) submit the strategic plan to the executive  
12 commissioner and the administrative head of each agency subject to  
13 the strategic plan;

14           (2) shall develop and, not later than November 1 of  
15 each even-numbered year, submit to the legislature a biennial  
16 coordinated statewide interagency aging services expenditure  
17 proposal;

18           (3) shall annually publish an updated inventory of  
19 state-funded interagency aging programs and services that includes  
20 a description of how those programs and services further the  
21 purpose of the statewide interagency aging services strategic plan;

22           (4) may facilitate opportunities to increase  
23 collaboration for the effective expenditure of available federal  
24 and state money for interagency aging services in this state; and

25           (5) may establish subcommittees as necessary to carry  
26 out the council's duties under this subchapter.

27       Sec. 531.498. RECURRING FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND

1 RELATED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS. (a) Not later than March 1 of the  
2 last state fiscal year in each five-year period covered by the most  
3 recent strategic plan, the council shall:

4 (1) develop a new strategic plan for the next five  
5 state fiscal years that begins with the following fiscal year; and

6 (2) submit the new strategic plan to the executive  
7 commissioner and the administrative head of each agency subject to  
8 the strategic plan.

9 (b) Not later than the 90th day after receiving the  
10 strategic plan, the executive commissioner and the administrative  
11 head of each agency that is subject to the plan shall develop and  
12 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the  
13 legislature a plan for implementing the recommendations applicable  
14 to the agency under the strategic plan. An implementation plan must  
15 include a justification for any recommendation the commission or  
16 other agency declines to implement.

17 Sec. 531.499. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The council is  
18 subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). The council shall be  
19 reviewed during the period in which the commission is reviewed  
20 under Section 531.004. Unless continued in existence as provided by  
21 Chapter 325, the council is abolished and this subchapter expires  
22 on the date on which the commission is subject to abolishment under  
23 that section.

24 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 31, 2024, the  
25 appropriate appointing agencies or entities shall appoint the  
26 members of the statewide interagency aging services coordinating  
27 council as required by Section 531.493, Government Code, as added

1 by this Act.

2 (b) Not later than March 31, 2024, the statewide interagency  
3 aging services coordinating council established under Subchapter  
4 M-2, Chapter 531, Government Code, as added by this Act, shall hold  
5 its initial meeting.

6 (c) Not later than March 1, 2025, the statewide interagency  
7 aging services coordinating council shall submit the initial  
8 five-year statewide interagency aging services strategic plan  
9 required under Section 531.497, Government Code, as added by this  
10 Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.