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S.B. No. 956

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to repealing the coordinated strategic plan for health  
3 and human services in this state, including related conforming  
4 amendments.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 531.024(a), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) The executive commissioner shall:

9 (1) facilitate and enforce coordinated planning and  
10 delivery of health and human services, including:

11 (A) ~~[compliance with the coordinated strategic~~  
12 ~~plan;~~

13 ~~[(B)]~~ co-location of services;

14 (B) ~~[(C)]~~ integrated intake; and

15 (C) ~~[(D)]~~ coordinated referral and case  
16 management;

17 (2) develop with the Department of Information  
18 Resources automation standards for computer systems to enable  
19 health and human services agencies, including agencies operating at  
20 a local level, to share pertinent data;

21 (3) establish and enforce uniform regional boundaries  
22 for all health and human services agencies;

23 (4) carry out statewide health and human services  
24 needs surveys and forecasting;

1 (5) perform independent special-outcome evaluations  
2 of health and human services programs and activities;

3 (6) at the request of a governmental entity that  
4 coordinates the delivery of health and human services in regions,  
5 counties, and municipalities of this state [~~identified under~~  
6 ~~Section 531.022(e)~~], assist the [~~that~~] entity in implementing a  
7 coordinated plan that may include co-location of services,  
8 integrated intake, and coordinated referral and case management and  
9 is tailored to the needs and priorities of that entity; and

10 (7) promulgate uniform fair hearing rules for all  
11 Medicaid-funded services.

12 SECTION 2. Section 531.028(b), Government Code, is amended  
13 to read as follows:

14 (b) The executive commissioner shall establish a federal  
15 money management system to coordinate and monitor the use of  
16 federal money that is received by health and human services  
17 agencies to ensure that the money is spent in the most efficient  
18 manner and shall:

19 (1) establish priorities for use of federal money by  
20 all health and human services agencies [~~, in coordination with the~~  
21 ~~coordinated strategic plan established under Section 531.022~~];

22 (2) coordinate and monitor the use of federal money  
23 for health and human services to ensure that the money is spent in  
24 the most cost-effective manner throughout the health and human  
25 services system;

26 (3) review and approve all federal funding plans for  
27 health and human services in this state;

1 (4) estimate available federal money, including  
2 earned federal money, and monitor unspent money;

3 (5) ensure that the state meets federal requirements  
4 relating to receipt of federal money for health and human services,  
5 including requirements relating to state matching money and  
6 maintenance of effort;

7 (6) transfer appropriated amounts as described by  
8 Section 531.0271; and

9 (7) ensure that each governmental entity that  
10 coordinates the delivery of health and human services in regions,  
11 counties, and municipalities of this state [~~identified under~~  
12 ~~Section 531.022(e)~~] has access to complete and timely information  
13 about all sources of federal money for health and human services  
14 programs and that technical assistance is available to governmental  
15 entities seeking grants of federal money to provide health and  
16 human services.

17 SECTION 3. Section 533.032(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (a) The department shall have a long-range plan relating to  
20 the provision of services under this title covering at least six  
21 years that includes at least the provisions required by Section  
22 [~~Sections 531.022 and~~] 531.023, Government Code, and Chapter 2056,  
23 Government Code. The plan must cover the provision of services in  
24 and policies for state-operated institutions and ensure that the  
25 medical needs of the most medically fragile persons with mental  
26 illness the department serves are met.

27 SECTION 4. Section 533A.032(a), Health and Safety Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (a) The department shall have a long-range plan relating to  
3 the provision of services under this title covering at least six  
4 years that includes at least the provisions required by Section  
5 [~~Sections 531.022 and~~] 531.023, Government Code, and Chapter 2056,  
6 Government Code. The plan must cover the provision of services in  
7 and policies for state-operated institutions and ensure that the  
8 medical needs of the most medically fragile persons with an  
9 intellectual disability the department serves are met.

10 SECTION 5. Section 40.051, Human Resources Code, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 40.051. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DEPARTMENT. The  
13 department shall develop a departmental strategic plan based on  
14 [~~the goals and priorities stated in the commission's coordinated~~  
15 ~~strategic plan for health and human services. The department shall~~  
16 ~~also develop its plan based on~~]:

- 17 (1) furthering the policy of family preservation;  
18 (2) the goal of ending the abuse and neglect of  
19 children in the conservatorship of the department; and  
20 (3) the goal of increasing the capacity and  
21 availability of foster, relative, and kinship placements in this  
22 state.

23 SECTION 6. Section 531.022, Government Code, is repealed.

24 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.