

AN ACT

relating to the sunset review process and certain governmental entities subject to that process.

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

ARTICLE 1. LIMITED-SCOPE REVIEWS

SECTION 1.01. TEXAS FUNERAL SERVICE COMMISSION. (a) Notwithstanding Section 651.002, Occupations Code, the Sunset Advisory Commission shall conduct a limited-scope review of the Texas Funeral Service Commission for the 90th Legislature.

(b) In conducting the limited-scope review under this section, the Sunset Advisory Commission staff evaluation and report must be limited to assessing the Texas Funeral Service Commission's administration of functions and duties regarding the regulation of willed body programs, non-transplant anatomical donation organizations, and anatomical facilities under Section 651.005, Occupations Code, and under Chapters 691 and 692A, Health and Safety Code.

(c) The Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendations to the 90th Legislature may include any recommendation the commission considers appropriate based on the limited-scope review conducted under this section.

(d) This section takes effect only if Senate Bill 2721 or similar legislation of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to the licensing and regulation of persons who provide

services in relation to the deceased does not become law. If legislation described by this subsection does become law, this section has no effect.

SECTION 1.02. STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD. Section 12, Chapter 358 (S.B. 1424), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is repealed.

ARTICLE 2. ENTITIES GIVEN 2031 SUNSET DATE

SECTION 2.01. CREDIT UNION DEPARTMENT. Section 15.212, Finance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15.212. SUNSET PROVISION. The Credit Union Department and the Credit Union Commission are subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the department and commission are abolished September 1, 2031 [~~2035~~].

SECTION 2.02. STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS. Section 2003.023, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2003.023. SUNSET PROVISION. The State Office of Administrative Hearings is subject to review under Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act), but is not abolished under that chapter. The office shall be reviewed during the periods in which state agencies abolished in 2031 [~~2027~~] and every 12th year after 2031 [~~2027~~] are reviewed.

SECTION 2.03. TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. (a) Section 202.010, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 202.010. SUNSET PROVISION. The Texas Juvenile Justice Board and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department are subject to

Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the board and the department are abolished September 1, 2031 [~~2027~~].

(b) Notwithstanding Section 202.010, Human Resources Code, as amended by this Act, the Sunset Advisory Commission shall conduct a limited-scope review of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for the 90th Legislature.

(c) In conducting the limited-scope review under this section, the Sunset Advisory Commission staff evaluation and report must be limited to assessing the Texas Juvenile Justice Department's administration of its regionalization duties aimed at prioritizing the use of local levels of the juvenile justice system over placement or commitment to secure facilities operated by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

(d) The Sunset Advisory Commission may not review the office of independent ombudsman of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as part of the limited-scope review conducted under this section.

(e) The Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendations to the 90th Legislature may include any recommendation the commission considers appropriate based on the limited-scope review conducted under this section.

(f) The Texas Juvenile Justice Department shall submit a report not later than September 1, 2026, to the Sunset Advisory Commission, the speaker of the house of representatives, the lieutenant governor, and the standing committees of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over juvenile justice that includes information about:

1 (1) the status of the United States Department of
2 Justice's investigation into the Texas Juvenile Justice Department
3 and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department's progress in addressing
4 findings as detailed in the United States Department of Justice's
5 report titled "Investigation of the Texas Juvenile Justice
6 Department," published on August 1, 2024;

7 (2) the waitlist of youth committed to the Texas
8 Juvenile Justice Department awaiting transfer to state secure
9 facilities from county facilities;

10 (3) the Texas Juvenile Justice Department's staffing
11 and turnover at state facilities for each fiscal year since fiscal
12 year 2016; and

13 (4) the progress on construction of additional state
14 juvenile correctional facilities for which the legislature
15 appropriated funding in the 2024-2025 biennium.

16 ARTICLE 3. ENTITIES GIVEN 2033 SUNSET DATE

17 SECTION 3.01. STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

18 (a) Section 801.003, Occupations Code, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 Sec. 801.003. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The State Board of
21 Veterinary Medical Examiners is subject to Chapter 325, Government
22 Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided
23 by that chapter, the board is abolished September 1, 2033 [~~2027~~].

24 (b) This section takes effect only if S.B. 2155 or similar
25 legislation of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025,
26 relating to the regulation of veterinary professionals and
27 facilities by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and

1 the temporary administration of the board by the Texas Department
2 of Licensing and Regulation becomes law. If legislation described
3 by this subsection does not become law, this section has no effect.

4 ARTICLE 4. ENTITIES GIVEN 2035 SUNSET DATE

5 SECTION 4.01. LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY. Section
6 8503.0021(a), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (a) The authority is subject to review under Chapter 325,
9 Government Code (Texas Sunset Act), but may not be abolished under
10 that chapter. The review shall not include the management of the
11 generation or transmission of electricity under the wholesale
12 electricity operation of the authority and the authority's
13 affiliated nonprofit corporations. The review shall be conducted
14 under Section 325.025, Government Code, as if the authority were a
15 state agency scheduled to be abolished September 1, 2035 [~~2031~~],
16 and every 12th year after that year.

17 ARTICLE 5. AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXAS SUNSET ACT

18 SECTION 5.01. SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION. Section
19 325.003(a-1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

20 (a-1) A public member acts on behalf of the legislature when
21 participating on the commission in furtherance of the legislature's
22 duty to provide oversight of state [~~executive branch~~] agencies'
23 implementation of legislative priorities.

24 SECTION 5.02. AGENCY REPORT TO COMMISSION. Section
25 325.007(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a) Before September 1 of the odd-numbered year before the
27 year in which a state agency subject to this chapter is abolished or

1 reviewed, the agency shall report to the commission:

2 (1) information regarding the application to the
3 agency of the criteria in Section 325.011; and

4 (2) any other information that the agency considers
5 appropriate or that is requested by the commission.

6 SECTION 5.03. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF AGENCY BEING
7 REVIEWED. Section 325.0075, Government Code, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 Sec. 325.0075. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF AGENCY BEING
10 REVIEWED. Before September 1 of the odd-numbered year before the
11 year in which a state agency subject to this chapter is abolished or
12 reviewed, the agency shall submit to the commission, the governor,
13 the lieutenant governor, and each member of the legislature a
14 report that:

15 (1) lists each report that the agency is required by a
16 statute to prepare; and

17 (2) evaluates the need for each report listed in
18 Subdivision (1) based on whether factors or conditions have changed
19 since the date the statutory requirement to prepare the report was
20 enacted.

21 SECTION 5.04. COMMISSION DUTIES. Section 325.008(a),
22 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

23 (a) Before January 1 of the year in which a state agency
24 subject to this chapter and its advisory committees are abolished
25 or reviewed, the commission shall:

26 (1) review and take action necessary to verify the
27 reports submitted by the agency under Section 325.007;

1 (2) consult the Legislative Budget Board, the
2 Governor's Budget, Policy, and Planning Division, the State
3 Auditor, and the comptroller of public accounts, or their
4 successors, on the application to the agency of the criteria
5 provided in Section 325.011;

6 (3) conduct a review of the agency based on the
7 criteria provided in Section 325.011 and prepare a written report;
8 and

9 (4) review the implementation of commission
10 recommendations contained in the reports presented to the
11 legislature during the preceding legislative session and the
12 resulting legislation.

13 SECTION 5.05. PUBLIC HEARINGS. Section 325.009(a),
14 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

15 (a) Before February 1 of the year a state agency subject to
16 this chapter and its advisory committees are abolished or reviewed,
17 the commission shall conduct public hearings concerning but not
18 limited to the application to the agency of the criteria provided in
19 Section 325.011.

20 SECTION 5.06. REVIEW OF CERTAIN AGENCIES. Sections
21 325.0125(a) and (b), Government Code, are amended to read as
22 follows:

23 (a) In the two-year period preceding the date scheduled for
24 the abolition or review of a state agency under this chapter, the
25 commission may exempt certain agencies from the requirements of
26 this chapter relating to staff reports, hearings, and reviews.

27 (b) The commission may only exempt agencies that have been

1 inactive for a period of two years preceding the date the agency is
2 scheduled for abolition or review, that have been rendered inactive
3 by an action of the legislature, or that the commission determines
4 are unable to participate in the review due to a declared disaster.

5 ARTICLE 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 SECTION 6.01. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
7 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
8 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
9 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
10 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

H.B. No. 1545

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1545 was passed by the House on May 2, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1545 on May 30, 2025, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1545 on June 1, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 13, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 1545

I certify that H.B. No. 1545 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1545 on June 1, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor