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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to renaming the Sunset Advisory Commission the Department
- 3 of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and to the duties of that
- 4 department.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 11.003, Agriculture Code, is amended to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 11.003. <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Department of
- 9 Agriculture is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas DOGE
- 10 [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
- 11 chapter, the department is abolished September 1, 2035.
- 12 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 74.127, Agriculture Code,
- 13 is amended to read as follows:
- 14 Sec. 74.127. <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] PROVISION.
- SECTION 3. Section 74.127(a), Agriculture Code, is amended
- 16 to read as follows:
- 17 (a) The board of directors of the official cotton growers'
- 18 boll weevil eradication foundation is subject to Chapter 325,
- 19 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 20 existence as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished
- 21 September 1, 2035.
- SECTION 4. Section 161.027, Agriculture Code, is amended to
- 23 read as follows:
- Sec. 161.027. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas Animal

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- 1 Health Commission is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas
- 2 <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by
- 3 that chapter, the commission is abolished September 1, 2035.
- 4 SECTION 5. Section 201.025, Agriculture Code, is amended to
- 5 read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 201.025. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The State Soil and
- 7 Water Conservation Board is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
- 8 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 9 provided by that chapter, the state board is abolished September 1,
- 10 2035.
- 11 SECTION 6. Section 5.01(b), Alcoholic Beverage Code, is
- 12 amended to read as follows:
- 13 (b) The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is subject to
- 14 Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless
- 15 continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the commission
- 16 is abolished and Subchapter A, Chapter 5, expires September 1,
- 17 2031.
- 18 SECTION 7. Section 7.004, Education Code, is amended to
- 19 read as follows:
- Sec. 7.004. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. (a) The Texas
- 21 Education Agency is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas
- 22 <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by
- 23 that chapter, the agency is abolished September 1, 2029.
- 24 (b) As part of the Department of Government Efficiency's
- 25 [Sunset Advisory Commission's] review of the agency under
- 26 Subsection (a), the department [commission] in coordination with
- 27 the agency shall select for review three regional education service

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- 1 centers that serve diverse geographic areas of the state and
- 2 diverse population sizes. The <u>department's</u> [commission's] review
- 3 of the agency must include an evaluation of the agency's oversight
- 4 of the centers.
- 5 SECTION 8. Section 19.0022, Education Code, is amended to
- 6 read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 19.0022. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Windham School
- 8 District is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code
- 9 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). The district shall be reviewed during
- 10 the period in which the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is
- 11 reviewed.
- 12 SECTION 9. Section 33.254, Education Code, is amended to
- 13 read as follows:
- 14 Sec. 33.254. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The council is
- 15 subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act).
- 16 Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the
- 17 council is abolished and this subchapter expires September 1, 2029.
- SECTION 10. Section 51.153(e), Education Code, is amended
- 19 to read as follows:
- 20 (e) The Western Information Network Association is subject
- 21 to the Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act (Chapter 325, Government Code).
- 22 Unless continued in existence as provided by that Act, the
- 23 association is abolished September 1, 1989.
- SECTION 11. Section 51.168(d), Education Code, is amended
- 25 to read as follows:
- 26 (d) An information network association created under this
- 27 section is subject to the Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act (Chapter 325,

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- 1 Government Code). Unless continued in existence as provided by
- 2 that Act, the association is abolished September 1, 1989.
- 3 SECTION 12. Section 54.603, Education Code, is amended to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 54.603. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Prepaid Higher
- 6 Education Tuition Board is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
- 7 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 8 provided by that chapter, the board is abolished September 1, 2035.
- 9 SECTION 13. Section 61.0211, Education Code, is amended to
- 10 read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 61.0211. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas Higher
- 12 Education Coordinating Board is subject to Chapter 325, Government
- 13 Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 14 provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and this chapter
- 15 expires September 1, 2029.
- SECTION 14. Section 11.108, Finance Code, is amended to
- 17 read as follows:
- 18 Sec. 11.108. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The finance
- 19 commission is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas DOGE
- 20 [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
- 21 chapter, the commission is abolished September 1, 2031.
- 22 SECTION 15. Section 12.109, Finance Code, is amended to
- 23 read as follows:
- Sec. 12.109. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The office of
- 25 banking commissioner is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
- 26 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 27 provided by that chapter, the office is abolished September 1,

- 1 2031.
- 2 SECTION 16. Section 13.012, Finance Code, is amended to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 13.012. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The office of
- 5 savings and mortgage lending commissioner and the Department of
- 6 Savings and Mortgage Lending are subject to Chapter 325, Government
- 7 Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 8 provided by that chapter, the office and department are abolished
- 9 September 1, 2031.
- 10 SECTION 17. Section 14.066, Finance Code, is amended to
- 11 read as follows:
- 12 Sec. 14.066. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The office is
- 13 subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act).
- 14 Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the
- 15 office is abolished September 1, 2031.
- SECTION 18. Section 15.212, Finance Code, is amended to
- 17 read as follows:
- 18 Sec. 15.212. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Credit Union
- 19 Department and the Credit Union Commission are subject to Chapter
- 20 325, Government Code (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act). Unless continued
- 21 in existence as provided by that chapter, the department and
- 22 commission are abolished September 1, 2035.
- 23 SECTION 19. Section 33.003, Government Code, is amended to
- 24 read as follows:
- Sec. 33.003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The State Commission
- 26 on Judicial Conduct is subject to review under Chapter 325 (Texas
- 27 DOGE [Sunset] Act), but is not abolished under that chapter. The

- 1 commission shall be reviewed during the period in which state
- 2 agencies abolished in 2029, and every 12th year after that year, are
- 3 reviewed.
- 4 SECTION 20. Section 33.0322, Government Code, is amended to
- 5 read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 33.0322. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
- 7 <u>DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY</u> [SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION].
- 8 (a) Notwithstanding Section 33.032 or other law, including Section
- 9 1-a(10), Article V, Texas Constitution, the commission shall
- 10 provide to the Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory
- 11 Commission] staff conducting a review under Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE
- 12 [Sunset] Act) access to the commission's confidential documents,
- 13 records, meetings, and proceedings, including proceedings in which
- 14 testimony is given, as the Department of Government Efficiency
- 15 [Sunset Advisory Commission] staff determines necessary to conduct
- 16 a complete and thorough evaluation of the commission's activities.
- 17 (b) The confidentiality provisions of this chapter and
- 18 other law do not authorize the commission to withhold from the
- 19 Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 20 staff access to any confidential document, record, meeting, or
- 21 proceeding to which the <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset
- 22 Advisory Commission] staff determines access is necessary for a
- 23 review under Chapter 325 (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act).
- 24 (c) The Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset
- 25 Advisory Commission] staff shall maintain the confidentiality the
- 26 commission is required to maintain under this chapter and other law
- 27 for each document, record, meeting, or proceeding that the staff

- 1 accesses or receives as part of a review under Chapter 325 (Texas
- 2 DOGE [Sunset] Act).
- 3 (d) The commission does not violate the attorney-client
- 4 privilege, or any other privilege or confidentiality requirement
- 5 protected or required by the Texas Constitution, common law,
- 6 statutory law, or rules of evidence, procedure, or professional
- 7 conduct, by providing to the <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u>
- 8 [Sunset Advisory Commission] staff for purposes of a review under
- 9 Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act) a confidential communication,
- 10 including a document or record or any testimony or other
- 11 information presented in a closed meeting or proceeding of the
- 12 commission, that is made between the commission and its attorneys
- 13 or other employees assisting the commission in its decision-making
- 14 process.
- 15 SECTION 21. Section 81.003, Government Code, is amended to
- 16 read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 81.003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The state bar is
- 18 subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued
- 19 in existence as provided by that chapter, this chapter expires
- 20 September 1, 2029.
- 21 SECTION 22. Section 81.113(a), Government Code, is amended
- 22 to read as follows:
- 23 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the state bar
- 24 shall credit an attorney licensed in this state with meeting the
- 25 minimum continuing legal education requirements of the state bar
- 26 for a reporting year if during the reporting year the attorney is
- 27 employed full-time as an attorney by:

- 1 (1) the senate;
- 2 (2) the house of representatives;
- 3 (3) a committee, division, department, or office of
- 4 the senate or house;
- 5 (4) the Texas Legislative Council;
- 6 (5) the Legislative Budget Board;
- 7 (6) the Legislative Reference Library;
- 8 (7) the office of the state auditor; or
- 9 (8) the <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset
- 10 Advisory Commission].
- 11 SECTION 23. Section 82.006, Government Code, is amended to
- 12 read as follows:
- Sec. 82.006. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Board of Law
- 14 Examiners is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act).
- 15 Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the
- 16 board is abolished September 1, 2029.
- 17 SECTION 24. Section 152.001, Government Code, is amended to
- 18 read as follows:
- 19 Sec. 152.001. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Judicial Branch
- 20 Certification Commission is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE
- 21 [Sunset] Act), but is not abolished under that chapter. The
- 22 commission shall be reviewed during the period in which state
- 23 agencies abolished in 2029, and every 12th year after that year, are
- 24 reviewed.
- 25 SECTION 25. Section 321.013(c), Government Code, is amended
- 26 to read as follows:
- (c) The State Auditor shall recommend the audit plan for the

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- 1 state for each year to the committee. In devising the plan, the
- 2 State Auditor shall consider recommendations concerning
- 3 coordination of agency functions made jointly by representatives of
- 4 the Legislative Budget Board, Department of Government Efficiency
- 5 [Sunset Advisory Commission], and State Auditor's Office. The
- 6 State Auditor shall also consider the extent to which a department
- 7 has received a significant increase in appropriations, including a
- 8 significant increase in federal or other money passed through to
- 9 the department, and shall review procurement activities for
- 10 compliance with Section 2161.123. The plan shall provide for
- 11 auditing of federal programs at least as often as required under
- 12 federal law and shall ensure that audit requirements of all bond
- 13 covenants and other credit or financial agreements are satisfied.
- 14 The committee shall review and approve the plan.
- SECTION 26. Section 321.0134(b), Government Code, is
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 (b) An effectiveness audit may be scheduled only when the
- 18 audited entity is not scheduled for review under the Texas DOGE
- 19 [Sunset] Act (Chapter 325).
- SECTION 27. Section 322.0175(a), Government Code, is
- 21 amended to read as follows:
- 22 (a) The board shall perform a strategic fiscal review for
- 23 each state agency currently the subject of Department of Government
- 24 Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission] review under Chapter 325
- 25 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). The board shall not perform a review
- 26 under this section of state agencies listed in Section 325.025(b),
- 27 Government Code, because these agencies are not subject to the

- 1 legislative appropriations process.
- 2 SECTION 28. The heading to Chapter 325, Government Code, is
- 3 amended to read as follows:
- 4 CHAPTER 325. DOGE [SUNSET] LAW
- 5 SECTION 29. Section 325.001, Government Code, is amended to
- 6 read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 325.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the
- 8 Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act.
- 9 SECTION 30. Section 325.002, Government Code, is amended by
- 10 amending Subdivision (3) and adding Subdivision (4) to read as
- 11 follows:
- 12 (3) "Board" ["Commission"] means the board of the
- 13 Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission].
- 14 (4) "Department" means the Department of Government
- 15 Efficiency.
- 16 SECTION 31. The heading to Section 325.003, Government
- 17 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 18 Sec. 325.003. DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY; BOARD
- 19 [SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION].
- 20 SECTION 32. Sections 325.003(a), (a-1), (b), (c), (d), (e),
- 21 (e-1), (g), (i), (j), and (k), Government Code, are amended to read
- 22 as follows:
- 23 (a) The <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset
- 24 Advisory Commission is a legislative agency that has as its goal
- 25 the streamlining of government through the use of technology to
- 26 find and eliminate waste and inefficiency. The department is
- 27 governed by a board that consists of five members of the senate and

- 1 one public member appointed by the lieutenant governor and five
- 2 members of the house of representatives and one public member
- 3 appointed by the speaker of the house. The lieutenant governor and
- 4 the speaker of the house may serve as one of the legislative
- 5 appointees.
- 6 (a-1) A public member acts on behalf of the legislature when
- 7 participating on the board [commission] in furtherance of the
- 8 legislature's duty to provide oversight of executive branch
- 9 agencies' implementation of legislative priorities.
- 10 (b) An individual is not eligible for appointment as a
- 11 public member if the individual or the individual's spouse is:
- 12 (1) regulated by a state agency that the <u>board</u>
- 13 [commission] will review during the term for which the individual
- 14 would serve;
- 15 (2) employed by, participates in the management of, or
- 16 directly or indirectly has more than a 10 percent interest in a
- 17 business entity or other organization regulated by a state agency
- 18 the board [commission] will review during the term for which the
- 19 individual would serve; or
- 20 (3) required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter
- 21 305 because of the person's activities for compensation on behalf
- 22 of a profession or entity related to the operation of an agency
- 23 under review.
- (c) It is a ground for removal of a public member from the
- 25 board [commission] if the member does not have the qualifications
- 26 required by Subsection (b) for appointment to the board
- 27 [commission] at the time of appointment or does not maintain the

- 1 qualifications while serving on the <u>board</u> [commission]. The
- 2 validity of the $\underline{board's}$ [$\underline{commission's}$] action is not affected by the
- 3 fact that it was taken when a ground for removal of a public member
- 4 from the board [commission] existed.
- 5 (d) Legislative members serve four-year terms, with terms
- 6 staggered so that the terms of as near to one-half of the
- 7 legislative members appointed by the lieutenant governor as
- 8 possible and the terms of as near to one-half of the legislative
- 9 members appointed by the speaker as possible expire September 1 of
- 10 each odd-numbered year. If the lieutenant governor or the speaker
- 11 serves on the board [commission], service continues until
- 12 resignation from the board [commission] or until the individual
- 13 ceases to hold the office. Public members serve two-year terms
- 14 expiring September 1 of each odd-numbered year.
- 15 (e) Members other than the lieutenant governor and the
- 16 speaker are subject to the following restrictions:
- 17 (1) after a legislative member serves two terms on the
- 18 board [commission] or a public member serves three terms on the
- 19 board [commission], the individual is not eligible for appointment
- 20 to another term or part of a term;
- 21 (2) a legislative member who serves a full term may not
- 22 be appointed to an immediately succeeding term; and
- 23 (3) a public member may not serve more than two
- 24 consecutive terms, and, for purposes of this prohibition, a member
- 25 is considered to have served a term only if the member has served
- 26 more than half of the term.
- 27 (e-1) If an individual serves for less than a full term, the

- 1 term is not counted toward determining the individual's eligibility
- 2 to serve on the board [commission] under Subsection (e)(1) unless
- 3 the individual was a member of the **board** [commission] for each
- 4 public hearing at which the state agencies being reviewed during
- 5 the individual's term were discussed.
- 6 (g) If a legislative member ceases to be a member of the
 - house from which he was appointed, the member vacates his
- 8 membership on the board [commission].

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- 9 (i) The <u>board</u> [commission] shall have a chairman and
- 10 vice-chairman as presiding officers. The chairmanship and
- 11 vice-chairmanship must alternate every two years between the two
- 12 membership groups appointed by the lieutenant governor and the
- 13 speaker. The chairman and vice-chairman may not be from the same
- 14 membership group. The lieutenant governor shall designate a
- 15 presiding officer from his appointed membership group and the
- 16 speaker shall designate the other presiding officer from his
- 17 appointed membership group.
- 18 (j) Seven members of the board [commission] constitute a
- 19 quorum. A final action or recommendation may not be made unless
- 20 approved by a record vote of a majority of members appointed by the
- 21 lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house. All other actions
- 22 by the \underline{board} [$\underline{commission}$] shall be decided by a majority of the
- 23 members present and voting.
- 24 (k) Each member of the <u>board</u> [commission] is entitled to
- 25 reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in
- 26 performing board [commission] duties. Each legislative member is
- 27 entitled to reimbursement from the appropriate fund of the member's

- 1 respective house. Each public member is entitled to reimbursement
- 2 from funds appropriated to the department [commission].
- 3 SECTION 33. Sections 325.004(a) and (c), Government Code,
- 4 are amended to read as follows:
- 5 (a) The board [commission] shall employ an executive
- 6 director to act as the executive head of the department
- 7 [commission].
- 8 (c) The chairman and vice-chairman of the board
- 9 [commission] may each employ a staff to work for them on matters
- 10 related to board [commission] activities.
- 11 SECTION 34. Section 325.005, Government Code, is amended to
- 12 read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 325.005. RULES. The board [commission] shall adopt
- 14 rules necessary to carry out this chapter.
- 15 SECTION 35. Section 325.007, Government Code, is amended to
- 16 read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 325.007. AGENCY REPORT TO DEPARTMENT [COMMISSION].
- 18 (a) Before September 1 of the odd-numbered year before the year in
- 19 which a state agency subject to this chapter is abolished, the
- 20 agency shall report to the <u>department</u> [commission]:
- 21 (1) information regarding the application to the
- 22 agency of the criteria in Section 325.011; and
- 23 (2) any other information that the agency considers
- 24 appropriate or that is requested by the <u>department</u> [commission].
- 25 (b) The reports under Subsection (a) must be submitted in
- 26 electronic format only. The department [commission] shall
- 27 prescribe the electronic format to be used.

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- 1 SECTION 36. Section 325.0075, Government Code, is amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 325.0075. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF AGENCY BEING
- 4 REVIEWED. Before September 1 of the odd-numbered year before the
- 5 year in which a state agency subject to this chapter is abolished,
- 6 the agency shall submit to the department [commission], the
- 7 governor, the lieutenant governor, and each member of the
- 8 legislature a report that:
- 9 (1) lists each report that the agency is required by a
- 10 statute to prepare; and
- 11 (2) evaluates the need for each report listed in
- 12 Subdivision (1) based on whether factors or conditions have changed
- 13 since the date the statutory requirement to prepare the report was
- 14 enacted.
- 15 SECTION 37. The heading to Section 325.008, Government
- 16 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 325.008. DEPARTMENT [COMMISSION] DUTIES.
- SECTION 38. Sections 325.008(a) and (b), Government Code,
- 19 are amended to read as follows:
- 20 (a) Before January 1 of the year in which a state agency
- 21 subject to this chapter and its advisory committees are abolished,
- 22 the department [commission] shall:
- 23 (1) review and take action necessary to verify the
- 24 reports submitted by the agency under Section 325.007;
- 25 (2) consult the Legislative Budget Board, the
- 26 Governor's Budget, Policy, and Planning Division, the State
- 27 Auditor, and the comptroller of public accounts, or their

- 1 successors, on the application to the agency of the criteria
- 2 provided in Section 325.011;
- 3 (3) conduct a review of the agency based on the
- 4 criteria provided in Section 325.011 and prepare a written report;
- 5 [and]
- 6 (4) conduct the evaluation required by Section
- 7 325.0085; and
- 8 (5) review the implementation of department
- 9 [commission] recommendations contained in the reports presented to
- 10 the legislature during the preceding legislative session and the
- 11 resulting legislation.
- 12 (b) The written report prepared by the department
- 13 [commission] under Subsection (a)(3) is a public record.
- 14 SECTION 39. Chapter 325, Government Code, is amended by
- 15 adding Section 325.0085 to read as follows:
- 16 Sec. 325.0085. RELOCATION OF STATE AGENCY HEADQUARTERS.
- 17 (a) For each state agency reviewed under this chapter whose
- 18 headquarters is located in Travis County or an adjacent county, the
- 19 department, with the assistance of the Texas Facilities Commission,
- 20 shall evaluate the cost savings to this state of relocating the
- 21 state agency's headquarters to a location outside of Travis County
- 22 or an adjacent county. In determining the cost savings to the
- 23 state, the department shall consider the following factors over a
- 24 10-year period:
- 25 (1) the cost of leasing or purchasing office space for
- 26 the state agency in a location outside of Travis County or an
- 27 adjacent county;

- 1 (2) the cost of moving the state agency to the new
- 2 location;
- 3 (3) the market value of any state-owned property
- 4 currently being used for the state agency's headquarters, including
- 5 the amount of income the state could earn by leasing or selling the
- 6 property; and
- 7 (4) any other information the department or Texas
- 8 Facilities Commission considers relevant in determining whether
- 9 the relocation creates a cost saving to this state.
- 10 (b) If the department determines relocating a state agency
- 11 <u>creates a cost saving to this state, the state agency shall relocate</u>
- 12 the agency's headquarters to the location determined by the
- 13 department under this section.
- 14 SECTION 40. Section 325.009, Government Code, is amended to
- 15 read as follows:
- Sec. 325.009. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (a) Before February 1 of
- 17 the year a state agency subject to this chapter and its advisory
- 18 committees are abolished, the <u>department</u> [commission] shall
- 19 conduct public hearings concerning but not limited to the
- 20 application to the agency of the criteria provided in Section
- 21 325.011.
- 22 (b) The <u>department</u> [commission] may hold the public
- 23 hearings after the review of the agency required by Section
- 24 325.008(a)(3) is complete and available to the public.
- 25 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the department
- 26 [commission] may not discuss in a public hearing the application to
- 27 an agency of the criteria provided in Section 325.011(14). The

- 1 <u>department</u> [commission] staff shall notify the <u>board</u> [commission]
- 2 of any findings and recommendations regarding the criteria provided
- 3 in Section 325.011(14).
- 4 SECTION 41. Section 325.010, Government Code, is amended to
- 5 read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 325.010. DEPARTMENT [COMMISSION] REPORT. (a) At each
- 7 regular legislative session, the department [commission] shall
- 8 present to the legislature and the governor a report on the agencies
- 9 and advisory committees reviewed.
- 10 (b) In the report the <u>department</u> [commission] shall
- 11 include:
- 12 (1) its findings regarding the criteria prescribed by
- 13 Section 325.011, except Section 325.011(14);
- 14 (2) its recommendations based on the matters
- 15 prescribed by Section 325.012, except recommendations relating to
- 16 criteria prescribed by Section 325.011(14); and
- 17 (3) other information the department [commission]
- 18 considers necessary for a complete review of the agency.
- 19 SECTION 42. Section 325.011, Government Code, is amended to
- 20 read as follows:
- Sec. 325.011. CRITERIA FOR REVIEW. <u>In order to lower state</u>
- 22 spending and minimize waste in the provision of state services, the
- 23 board [The commission] and its staff shall consider the following
- 24 criteria in determining whether a public need exists for the
- 25 continuation of a state agency or its advisory committees or for the
- 26 performance of the functions of the agency or its advisory
- 27 committees:

- 1 (1) the efficiency and effectiveness with which the
- 2 agency or the advisory committee operates;
- 3 (2)(A) an identification of the mission, goals, and
- 4 objectives intended for the agency or advisory committee and of the
- 5 problem or need that the agency or advisory committee was intended
- 6 to address; and
- 7 (B) the extent to which the mission, goals, and
- 8 objectives have been achieved and the problem or need has been
- 9 addressed;
- 10 (3)(A) an identification of any activities of the
- 11 agency in addition to those granted by statute and of the authority
- 12 for those activities; and
- 13 (B) the extent to which those activities are
- 14 needed;
- 15 (4) an assessment of authority of the agency relating
- 16 to fees, inspections, enforcement, and penalties;
- 17 (5) whether less restrictive or alternative methods of
- 18 performing any function that the agency performs could adequately
- 19 protect or provide service to the public;
- 20 (6) the extent to which the jurisdiction of the agency
- 21 and the programs administered by the agency overlap or duplicate
- 22 those of other agencies, the extent to which the agency coordinates
- 23 with those agencies, and the extent to which the programs
- 24 administered by the agency can be consolidated with the programs of
- 25 other state agencies;
- 26 (7) the promptness and effectiveness with which the
- 27 agency addresses complaints concerning entities or other persons

- 1 affected by the agency, including an assessment of the agency's
- 2 administrative hearings process;
- 3 (8) an assessment of the agency's rulemaking process
- 4 and the extent to which the agency has encouraged participation by
- 5 the public in making its rules and decisions and the extent to which
- 6 the public participation has resulted in rules that benefit the
- 7 public;
- 8 (9) the extent to which the agency has complied with:
- 9 (A) federal and state laws and applicable rules
- 10 regarding equality of employment opportunity and the rights and
- 11 privacy of individuals; and
- 12 (B) state law and applicable rules of any state
- 13 agency regarding purchasing guidelines and programs for
- 14 historically underutilized businesses;
- 15 (10) the extent to which the agency issues and
- 16 enforces rules relating to potential conflicts of interest of its
- 17 employees;
- 18 (11) the extent to which the agency complies with
- 19 Chapters 551 and 552 and follows records management practices that
- 20 enable the agency to respond efficiently to requests for public
- 21 information;
- 22 (12) the effect of federal intervention or loss of
- 23 federal funds if the agency is abolished;
- 24 (13) the extent to which the purpose and effectiveness
- 25 of reporting requirements imposed on the agency justifies the
- 26 continuation of the requirement; and
- 27 (14) an assessment of the agency's cybersecurity

- 1 practices using confidential information available from the
- 2 Department of Information Resources or any other appropriate state
- 3 agency.
- 4 SECTION 43. Sections 325.0115(b), (c), and (d), Government
- 5 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 6 (b) In an assessment of an agency that licenses an
- 7 occupation or profession, the board [commission] and its staff
- 8 shall consider:
- 9 (1) whether the occupational licensing program:
- 10 (A) serves a meaningful, defined public
- 11 interest; and
- 12 (B) provides the least restrictive form of
- 13 regulation that will adequately protect the public interest;
- 14 (2) the extent to which the regulatory objective of
- 15 the occupational licensing program may be achieved through market
- 16 forces, private or industry certification and accreditation
- 17 programs, or enforcement of other law;
- 18 (3) the extent to which licensing criteria, if
- 19 applicable, ensure that applicants have occupational skill sets or
- 20 competencies that correlate with a public interest and the impact
- 21 that those criteria have on applicants, particularly those with
- 22 moderate or low incomes, seeking to enter the occupation or
- 23 profession; and
- 24 (4) the impact of the regulation, including the extent
- 25 to which the program stimulates or restricts competition and
- 26 affects consumer choice and the cost of services.
- (c) As part of the <u>department's</u> [commission's] review of an

- 1 agency that licenses an occupation or profession, the <u>board</u>
- 2 [commission] and its staff shall determine whether the governing
- 3 body of the agency being reviewed has made an evaluation regarding
- 4 the type of personal information of license holders that the agency
- 5 should make available on the agency's Internet website based on the
- 6 following factors:
- 7 (1) the type of information the public needs to file a
- 8 complaint with the agency;
- 9 (2) the type of information the public needs to locate
- 10 an existing or potential service provider;
- 11 (3) the type of information the public needs to verify
- 12 a license; and
- 13 (4) whether making the information available on the
- 14 agency's Internet website could subject a license holder to
- 15 harassment, solicitation, or other nuisance.
- 16 (d) If the department [commission] determines that the
- 17 governing body of an agency has not completed the evaluation
- 18 described by Subsection (c), the department [commission] shall make
- 19 a recommendation that the governing body of the agency perform such
- 20 an evaluation.
- 21 SECTION 44. Section 325.012, Government Code, is amended to
- 22 read as follows:
- Sec. 325.012. RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) In its report on a
- 24 state agency, the <u>department</u> [commission] shall:
- 25 (1) make recommendations on the abolition,
- 26 continuation, or reorganization of each affected state agency and
- 27 its advisory committees and on the need for the performance of the

- 1 functions of the agency and its advisory committees;
- 2 (2) make recommendations on the consolidation,
- 3 transfer, or reorganization of programs within state agencies not
- 4 under review when the programs duplicate functions performed in
- 5 agencies under review;
- 6 (3) make recommendations to improve the operations of
- 7 the agency, its policy body, and its advisory committees, including
- 8 management recommendations that do not require a change in the
- 9 agency's enabling statute; and
- 10 (4) make recommendations on the continuation or
- 11 abolition of each reporting requirement imposed on the agency by
- 12 law.
- 13 (b) The department [commission] shall include the estimated
- 14 fiscal impact of its recommendations and may recommend
- 15 appropriation levels for certain programs to improve the operations
- 16 of the state agency, to be forwarded to the Legislative Budget
- 17 Board.
- 18 (c) The <u>department</u> [commission] shall have drafts of
- 19 legislation prepared to carry out the department's [commission's]
- 20 recommendations under this section.
- 21 (d) After the legislature acts on the report under Section
- 22 325.010, the <u>department</u> [commission] shall present to the state
- 23 auditor the <u>department's</u> [commission's] recommendations that do not
- 24 require a statutory change to be put into effect. Based on a risk
- 25 assessment and subject to the legislative audit committee's
- 26 approval of including the examination in the audit plan under
- 27 Section 321.013, the state auditor may examine the recommendations

- 1 and include as part of the next approved audit of the agency a
- 2 report on whether the agency has implemented the recommendations
- 3 and, if so, in what manner.
- 4 SECTION 45. Section 325.0123, Government Code, is amended
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 325.0123. REVIEW OF CERTAIN AGENCIES FOR RESPECTFUL
- 7 LANGUAGE. (a) As part of its review of a health and human services
- 8 agency, the department [commission] shall consider and make
- 9 recommendations regarding the statutory revisions necessary to use
- 10 the phrase "intellectual disability" instead of "mental
- 11 retardation" and to use the phrase "person with intellectual
- 12 disability" instead of "person with mental retardation."
- 13 (b) As part of its review of an agency, the department
- 14 [commission] shall consider and recommend, as appropriate,
- 15 statutory revisions in accordance with the person first respectful
- 16 language initiative under Chapter 392.
- SECTION 46. Sections 325.0124(b) and (c), Government Code,
- 18 are amended to read as follows:
- 19 (b) As part of its review of a state agency, the department
- 20 [commission] shall determine whether the state agency sells
- 21 personal data the agency possesses. If the state agency sells
- 22 personal data, the department [commission] shall determine:
- 23 (1) to whom the personal data is sold;
- 24 (2) to the extent possible, the purpose for which the
- 25 personal data is sold;
- 26 (3) the amount the state agency receives for the sale
- 27 of the personal data; and

- 1 (4) the law that authorizes the state agency to sell
- 2 the personal data.
- 3 (c) The department [commission] shall recommend prohibiting
- 4 the sale of personal data by a state agency, unless the department
- 5 [commission] identifies a compelling state or public interest
- 6 justifying the state agency's authority to sell the personal data.
- 7 If the department [commission] recommends continuing the state
- 8 agency's authority to sell personal data, the department
- 9 [commission] shall make any recommendations it considers necessary
- 10 to protect the personal data from improper use and dissemination.
- 11 SECTION 47. Section 325.0125, Government Code, is amended
- 12 to read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 325.0125. REVIEW OF CERTAIN AGENCIES. (a) In the
- 14 two-year period preceding the date scheduled for the abolition of a
- 15 state agency under this chapter, the <u>department</u> [commission] may
- 16 exempt certain agencies from the requirements of this chapter
- 17 relating to staff reports, hearings, and reviews.
- 18 (b) The department [commission] may only exempt agencies
- 19 that have been inactive for a period of two years preceding the date
- 20 the agency is scheduled for abolition, that have been rendered
- 21 inactive by an action of the legislature, or that the <u>department</u>
- 22 [commission] determines are unable to participate in the review due
- 23 to a declared disaster.
- 24 (c) The department's [commission's] action in exempting
- 25 agencies under this section must be done by an affirmative record
- 26 vote and must be decided by a majority of all members present and
- 27 voting.

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- 1 SECTION 48. Section 325.0126, Government Code, is amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 325.0126. MONITORING OF RECOMMENDATIONS. During each
- 4 legislative session, the staff of the <u>department</u> [commission]
- 5 shall:
- 6 (1) monitor legislation affecting agencies that have
- 7 undergone DOGE [sunset] review immediately before the legislative
- 8 session;
- 9 (2) notify the members of the board [commission] about
- 10 any amendment to the legislation prepared under Section 325.012(c)
- 11 that modifies the department's [commission's] recommendations for a
- 12 state agency; and
- 13 (3) provide legislative services to support the
- 14 passage of the legislation prepared under Section 325.012(c).
- SECTION 49. Section 325.0127(b), Government Code, is
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 (b) A self-directed semi-independent agency shall pay the
- 18 costs incurred by the department [commission] in performing a
- 19 review of the agency under this chapter. The department
- 20 [commission] shall determine the costs of the review, and the
- 21 agency shall pay the amount of those costs promptly on receipt of a
- 22 statement from the department [commission] regarding those costs.
- 23 SECTION 50. Sections 325.018(a), (b), (d), and (f),
- 24 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 25 (a) The board [commission] may issue process to compel the
- 26 attendance of witnesses and the production of books, records,
- 27 papers, and other objects necessary or proper for the purposes of

- 1 the <u>department</u> [commission] proceedings. The process may be served
- 2 on a witness at any place in this state.
- 3 (b) If a majority of the \underline{board} [$\underline{commission}$] directs the
- 4 issuance of a subpoena, the chairman shall issue the subpoena in the
- 5 name of the board [commission].
- 6 (d) If necessary to obtain compliance with a subpoena or
- 7 other process, the board [commission] may issue attachments. The
- 8 attachments may be addressed to and served by any peace officer in
- 9 this state.
- 10 (f) A witness who attends a <u>department</u> [commission]
- 11 proceeding under process is entitled to the same mileage and per
- 12 diem as a witness who appears before a grand jury in this state.
- SECTION 51. Section 325.019, Government Code, is amended to
- 14 read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 325.019. ASSISTANCE OF AND ACCESS TO STATE AGENCIES.
- 16 (a) The department [commission] may request the assistance of
- 17 state agencies and officers. When assistance is requested, a state
- 18 agency or officer shall assist the department [commission].
- 19 (b) In carrying out its functions under this chapter, the
- 20 department [commission] or its designated staff member may attend
- 21 any meetings and proceedings of any state agency, including any
- 22 meeting or proceeding of the governing body of the agency that is
- 23 closed to the public, and may inspect the records, documents, and
- 24 files of any state agency, including any record, document, or file
- 25 that is:
- 26 (1) attorney work product;
- 27 (2) an attorney-client communication; or

- 1 (3) made privileged or confidential by law.
- 2 It is the intent of the legislature to allow the board 3 [commission] and [its] designated department staff members to have access to all meetings or proceedings of a state agency being 4 5 reviewed by the department [commission] under this chapter and to all records, documents, and files of that agency. To the extent 6 that this section conflicts with other law that purports to limit 7 8 the department's [commission's] access to meetings or proceedings or to records, documents, and files, this section controls. 9 10 federal law prohibits a state agency from disclosing information in a record, document, or file to the <u>department</u> [commission], 11 including information in a record, document, or file created as a 12 result of or considered during a meeting or proceeding, the state 13 14 agency may redact the protected information from the record, 15 document, or file.
- (d) Communications, 16 including conversations, 17 correspondence, and electronic communications, between the board [commission] or department [its] staff and a state agency that 18 relate to a request by the <u>department</u> [commission] for assistance 19 in conducting a review under this chapter are confidential. A state 20 agency's internal communications related to a request for 21 assistance by the department [commission] are confidential, 22 including any information prepared or maintained by the state 23 24 agency at the request of the department [commission] or its staff. With respect to a document, file, or other record prepared or 25 26 maintained by the state agency that was created in the normal course of the agency's business and not at the request of the department 27

- 1 [commission], the confidentiality created by this subsection
- 2 applies only to information in the possession of the department
- 3 [commission].

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- 4 SECTION 52. Section 325.0195, Government Code, is amended
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 325.0195. RECORDS PROTECTED FROM DISCLOSURE. (a) A
 - working paper, including all documentary or other information,
- 8 prepared or maintained by the $\underline{\text{department}}$ [$\underline{\text{commission}}$] staff in
- 9 performing its duties under this chapter or other law to conduct an
- 10 evaluation and prepare a report is excepted from the public
- 11 disclosure requirements of Section 552.021.
- 12 (b) A record held by another entity that is considered to be
- 13 confidential by law and that the department [commission] receives
- 14 in connection with the performance of the department's
- 15 [commission's] functions under this chapter or another law remains
- 16 confidential and is excepted from the public disclosure
- 17 requirements of Section 552.021.
- 18 (c) A state agency that provides the department
- 19 [commission] with access to a privileged or confidential
- 20 communication, record, document, or file under Section 325.019 for
- 21 purposes of a review under this chapter does not waive the
- 22 attorney-client privilege, or any other privilege or
- 23 confidentiality requirement protected or required by the Texas
- 24 Constitution, common law, statutory law, or rules of evidence,
- 25 procedure, or professional conduct, with respect to the
- 26 communication, record, document, or file provided to the department
- 27 [commission]. For purposes of this subsection, a communication

- 1 includes a discussion that occurs at a meeting or proceeding of the
- 2 state agency that is closed to the public.
- 3 (d) The state agency may require the <u>department</u>
- 4 [commission] or the members of the department's [commission's]
- 5 staff who view, handle, or are privy to information, or who attend a
- 6 meeting that is not accessible to the public, to sign a
- 7 confidentiality agreement that covers the information and requires
- 8 that:
- 9 (1) the information not be disclosed outside the
- 10 <u>department</u> [commission] for purposes other than the purpose for
- 11 which it was received;
- 12 (2) the information be labeled as confidential;
- 13 (3) the information be kept securely; and
- 14 (4) the number of copies made of the information or the
- 15 notes taken from the information that implicate the confidential
- 16 nature of the information be controlled, with all copies or notes
- 17 that are not destroyed or returned to the governmental body
- 18 remaining confidential and subject to the confidentiality
- 19 agreement.
- 20 (e) A person who obtains access to confidential information
- 21 in connection with the performance of the <u>department's</u>
- 22 [commission's] duties under this chapter or another law commits an
- 23 offense if the person knowingly:
- 24 (1) uses the confidential information for a purpose
- 25 other than the purpose for which the information was received or for
- 26 a purpose unrelated to the law that permitted the person to obtain
- 27 access to the information, including solicitation of political

- 1 contributions or solicitation of clients;
- 2 (2) permits inspection of the confidential
- 3 information by a person who is not authorized to inspect the
- 4 information; or
- 5 (3) discloses the confidential information to a person
- 6 who is not authorized to receive the information.
- 7 SECTION 53. Section 325.022, Government Code, is amended to
- 8 read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 325.022. REVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION CREATING AN
- 10 AGENCY. (a) Each bill filed in a house of the legislature that
- 11 would create a new state agency or a new advisory committee to a
- 12 state agency shall be reviewed by the department [commission].
- 13 (b) The department [commission] shall review the bill to
- 14 determine if:
- 15 (1) the proposed functions of the agency or committee
- 16 could be administered by one or more existing state agencies or
- 17 advisory committees;
- 18 (2) the form of regulation, if any, proposed by the
- 19 bill is the least restrictive form of regulation that will
- 20 adequately protect the public;
- 21 (3) the bill provides for adequate public input
- 22 regarding any regulatory function proposed by the bill; and
- 23 (4) the bill provides for adequate protection against
- 24 conflicts of interest within the agency or committee.
- 25 (c) On request, the department [commission] shall forward a
- 26 written comment on the legislation to the author of the bill and to
- 27 the presiding officer of the committee to which the bill is

- 1 referred.
- 2 SECTION 54. Section 325.023, Government Code, is amended to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 325.023. REVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION REGULATING AN
- 5 OCCUPATION. (a) Not later than December 31 of an odd-numbered
- 6 year, a member of the legislature may submit proposed legislation
- 7 that would create an occupational licensing program or
- 8 significantly affect an existing occupational licensing program to
- 9 the department [commission] for review and analysis. A request
- 10 under this section may be submitted after December 31 of an
- 11 odd-numbered year on the approval of the board's [commission's]
- 12 chair based on the recommendation of the executive director. The
- 13 <u>board's</u> [commission's] chair may, on the recommendation of the
- 14 executive director, deny a request for review under this section.
- 15 (b) If the <u>department</u> [commission] reviews and analyzes
- 16 legislation proposing the regulation of an occupation, the
- 17 department [commission] shall submit a report to the legislature
- 18 before the start of the next legislative session regarding the
- 19 department's [commission's] findings on the need for regulating the
- 20 occupation and the type of regulation recommended, if any.
- 21 (c) In analyzing legislation proposing the creation of an
- 22 occupational licensing program, the department [commission] shall
- 23 determine whether:
- 24 (1) the unregulated practice of the occupation would
- 25 be inconsistent with the public interest as defined by Section
- 26 325.0115;
- 27 (2) the public can reasonably be expected to benefit

- 1 from an assurance of initial and continuing professional skill sets
- 2 or competencies; and
- 3 (3) the public can be more effectively protected by
- 4 means other than state regulation.
- 5 (d) If the department [commission] reviews and analyzes
- 6 proposed legislation amending an existing occupational licensing
- 7 program, the <u>department</u> [commission] shall submit a report to the
- 8 legislature before the start of the next legislative session
- 9 regarding the department's [commission's] findings on the need for
- 10 the proposed legislation.
- 11 SECTION 55. Section 325.024, Government Code, is amended to
- 12 read as follows:
- Sec. 325.024. GIFTS AND GRANTS. (a) The department
- 14 [commission] may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any
- 15 organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
- 16 Code for the purpose of funding any activity under this chapter.
- 17 (b) All gifts, grants, and donations must be accepted in an
- 18 open meeting by a majority of the voting members of the board
- 19 [commission] and reported in the public record of the department
- 20 [commission] with the name of the donor and purpose of the gift,
- 21 grant, or donation.
- SECTION 56. Sections 325.025(d) and (e), Government Code,
- 23 are amended to read as follows:
- 24 (d) A river authority shall pay the cost incurred by the
- 25 department [commission] in performing a review of the authority
- 26 under this section. The department [commission] shall determine
- 27 the cost, and the authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt

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- 1 of a statement from the <u>department</u> [commission] detailing the cost.
- 2 (e) A river authority reviewed by the department
- 3 [commission] under this section may not be required to conduct a
- 4 management audit under Chapter 292, Title 30, Texas Administrative
- 5 Code.
- 6 SECTION 57. The heading to Section 326.003, Government
- 7 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 326.003. COMMITTEE OF STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
- 9 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD, AND DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY
- 10 [SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION].
- 11 SECTION 58. Section 326.003(a), Government Code, is amended
- 12 to read as follows:
- 13 (a) The State Auditor's Office, Legislative Budget Board,
- 14 and Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory
- 15 Commission] shall form a committee to make recommendations relating
- 16 to the coordination of the agencies' functions.
- SECTION 59. Section 411.002(c), Government Code, is amended
- 18 to read as follows:
- 19 (c) The Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas is
- 20 subject to Chapter 325 (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act). Unless continued
- 21 in existence as provided by that chapter, the department is
- 22 abolished and Subsections (a) and (b) expire September 1, 2031.
- SECTION 60. Section 419.003, Government Code, is amended to
- 24 read as follows:
- Sec. 419.003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas
- 26 Commission on Fire Protection is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE
- 27 [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that

- 1 chapter, the commission is abolished September 1, 2035.
- 2 SECTION 61. Section 420A.004, Government Code, is amended
- 3 to read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 420A.004. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas Civil
- 5 Commitment Office is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset]
- 6 Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter,
- 7 the office is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2027.
- 8 SECTION 62. Section 434.002, Government Code, is amended to
- 9 read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 434.002. APPLICATION OF <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET], OPEN MEETINGS,
- 11 AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE LAWS. (a) The Texas Veterans
- 12 Commission is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act).
- 13 Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the
- 14 commission is abolished September 1, 2031.
- 15 (b) The commission is subject to Chapter 551, and Chapter
- 16 2001.
- 17 SECTION 63. Section 437.051, Government Code, is amended to
- 18 read as follows:
- 19 Sec. 437.051. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The department is
- 20 subject to Chapter 325 (Texas \underline{DOGE} [Sunset] Act). Unless continued
- 21 in existence as provided by that chapter, the department is
- 22 abolished September 1, 2031.
- SECTION 64. Section 441.001(q), Government Code, is amended
- 24 to read as follows:
- 25 (q) The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is
- 26 subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued
- 27 in existence as provided by that chapter, the commission is

- 1 abolished September 1, 2031.
- 2 SECTION 65. The heading to Section 442.002, Government
- 3 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 442.002. COMMISSION; MEMBERS; DOGE [SUNSET] ACT.
- 5 SECTION 66. Section 442.002(k), Government Code, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (k) The Texas Historical Commission is subject to Chapter
- 8 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 9 provided by that chapter, the commission is abolished and this
- 10 chapter expires September 1, 2031.
- 11 SECTION 67. Section 443.002, Government Code, is amended to
- 12 read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 443.002. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The State
- 14 Preservation Board is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset]
- 15 Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter,
- 16 the board is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2029.
- 17 SECTION 68. The heading to Section 444.002, Government
- 18 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 19 Sec. 444.002. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET], OPEN MEETINGS,
- 20 AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES LAWS.
- SECTION 69. Section 444.002(a), Government Code, is amended
- 22 to read as follows:
- 23 (a) The Texas Commission on the Arts is subject to Chapter
- 24 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 25 provided by that chapter, the commission is abolished and this
- 26 chapter expires September 1, 2029.
- 27 SECTION 70. Section 448.002, Government Code, is amended to

- 1 read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 448.002. DOGE [SUNSET] REVIEW. The advisory
- 3 commission shall be reviewed during the period in which the Texas
- 4 Historical Commission is reviewed under Chapter 325.
- 5 SECTION 71. Section 467.002, Government Code, is amended to
- 6 read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 467.002. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The
- 8 commission is subject to review under Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE
- 9 [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
- 10 chapter, the commission is abolished and this chapter, Chapter 466
- 11 of this code, and Chapter 2001, Occupations Code, expire September
- 12 1, 2025.
- SECTION 72. Sections 472.051(c) and (d), Government Code,
- 14 are amended to read as follows:
- 15 (c) The <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset
- 16 Advisory Commission] shall examine each agency's performance as a
- 17 self-directed and semi-independent agency and the agency's
- 18 compliance with this chapter as part of the department's
- 19 [commission's] periodic review of the agency under Chapter 325
- 20 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act).
- 21 (d) Each agency shall pay the cost incurred by the
- 22 <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 23 in performing a review of the agency under the agency's enabling
- 24 legislation. The Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset
- 25 Advisory Commission] shall determine the cost, and the agency shall
- 26 pay the amount promptly on receipt of a statement from the
- 27 Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission]

- 1 detailing the cost.
- 2 SECTION 73. Section 481.003, Government Code, is amended to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 481.003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas Economic
- 5 Development and Tourism Office is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas
- 6 $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by
- 7 that chapter, the office is abolished September 1, 2035.
- 8 SECTION 74. Section 482.103, Government Code, is amended to
- 9 read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 482.103. $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [SUNSET] PROVISION. The commission is
- 11 subject to Chapter 325 (Texas \underline{DOGE} [Sunset] Act). Unless continued
- 12 in existence as provided by that chapter, the commission is
- 13 abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2032.
- 14 SECTION 75. Section 482.602, Government Code, is amended to
- 15 read as follows:
- Sec. 482.602. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The consortium is
- 17 subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued
- 18 in existence as provided by that chapter, the consortium is
- 19 abolished and this subchapter expires September 1, 2032.
- SECTION 76. Section 492.012, Government Code, is amended to
- 21 read as follows:
- Sec. 492.012. $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas Board of
- 23 Criminal Justice and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice are
- 24 subject to Chapter 325 (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act). Unless continued
- 25 in existence as provided by that chapter, the board and the
- 26 department are abolished September 1, 2025.
- 27 SECTION 77. Section 501.132, Government Code, is amended to

- 1 read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 501.132. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The
- 3 Correctional Managed Health Care Committee is subject to review
- 4 under Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act) regarding the
- 5 committee's role and responsibilities. The committee shall be
- 6 reviewed during the period in which the Texas Department of
- 7 Criminal Justice is reviewed.
- 8 SECTION 78. Section 508.051, Government Code, is amended to
- 9 read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 508.051. <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Board of
- 11 Pardons and Paroles is subject to review under Chapter 325 (Texas
- 12 DOGE [Sunset] Act), but is not abolished under that chapter. The
- 13 board shall be reviewed during the period in which the Texas
- 14 Department of Criminal Justice is reviewed.
- 15 SECTION 79. Section 511.003, Government Code, is amended to
- 16 read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 511.003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Commission on
- 18 Jail Standards is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act).
- 19 Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the
- 20 commission is abolished September 1, 2035.
- 21 SECTION 80. Section 523.0003, Government Code, as effective
- 22 April 1, 2025, is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 523.0003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Health and
- 24 Human Services Commission is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE
- 25 [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
- 26 chapter, the commission is abolished September 1, 2027, and Chapter
- 27 531 and revised provisions derived from Chapter 531, as that

- 1 chapter existed on March 31, 2025, expire on that date.
- 2 SECTION 81. Section 531.0045, Government Code, is
- 3 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 523, Government Code, as
- 4 effective April 1, 2025, redesignated as Section 523.00031,
- 5 Government Code, and amended to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. <u>523.00031</u> [531.0045]. LIMIT ON <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] REVIEW.
- 7 The Department of Government Efficiency's [Sunset Advisory
- 8 Commission's review of the commission [Health and Human Services
- 9 Commission] under Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act) during the
- 10 period in which state agencies abolished in 2027 are reviewed may
- 11 not include a review of the family support services programs
- 12 transferred to the commission under Chapter 137, Human Resources
- 13 Code, or the Thriving Texas Families Program established under
- 14 Chapter 54, Health and Safety Code. This section expires September
- 15 1, 2027.
- 16 SECTION 82. Section 531.499, Government Code, as added by
- 17 Chapter 484 (H.B. 728), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular
- 18 Session, 2023, is transferred to Chapter 526, Government Code, as
- 19 effective April 1, 2025, redesignated as Section 526.0809,
- 20 Government Code, and amended to read as follows:
- Sec. $\underline{526.0809}$ [$\underline{531.499}$]. APPLICATION OF \underline{DOGE} [SUNSET] ACT.
- 22 The council is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas \underline{DOGE} [Sunset] Act).
- 23 The council shall be reviewed during the period in which the
- 24 commission is reviewed under Section 523.0003 [531.004]. Unless
- 25 continued in existence as provided by Chapter 325, the council is
- 26 abolished and this subchapter expires on the date on which the
- 27 commission is subject to abolishment under that section.

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- 1 SECTION 83. Section 571.022, Government Code, is amended to
- 2 read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 571.022. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The commission is
- 4 subject to review under Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act), but
- 5 is not abolished under that chapter. The commission shall be
- 6 reviewed during the periods in which state agencies abolished in
- 7 2013 and every 12th year after that year are reviewed.
- 8 SECTION 84. Section 659.140(i), Government Code, is amended
- 9 to read as follows:
- 10 (i) The state employee charitable campaign policy committee
- 11 is subject to the Texas $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [Sunset] Act. Unless continued in
- 12 existence as provided by that chapter, the committee is abolished
- 13 and this subchapter and Sections 814.0095 and 814.0096 expire on
- 14 September 1, 2029.
- 15 SECTION 85. Section 751.003, Government Code, is amended to
- 16 read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 751.003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Office of
- 18 State-Federal Relations is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE
- 19 [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
- 20 chapter, the office is abolished September 1, 2035.
- 21 SECTION 86. Section 776.007, Government Code, is amended to
- 22 read as follows:
- Sec. 776.007. \underline{DOGE} [SUNSET] PROVISION. (a) The committee
- 24 is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act).
- 25 (b) To the extent that Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act)
- 26 places a duty on a state agency subject to review under that
- 27 chapter, the State Soil and Water Conservation Board shall perform

- 1 the duty as it relates to the committee.
- 2 (c) The committee shall be reviewed during each period in
- 3 which the State Soil and Water Conservation Board is reviewed.
- 4 SECTION 87. Section 801.107, Government Code, is amended to
- 5 read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 801.107. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The State Pension
- 7 Review Board is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act).
- 8 Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the
- 9 board is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2029.
- SECTION 88. Section 815.005, Government Code, is amended to
- 11 read as follows:
- 12 Sec. 815.005. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The board of
- 13 trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas is subject to
- 14 review under Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act), but is not
- 15 abolished under that chapter. The board shall be reviewed during
- 16 the period in which state agencies abolished in 2029, and every 12th
- 17 year after that year, are reviewed.
- 18 SECTION 89. Section 825.006, Government Code, is amended to
- 19 read as follows:
- Sec. 825.006. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The board of
- 21 trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas is subject to
- 22 review under Chapter 325 (Texas \underline{DOGE} [Sunset] Act), but is not
- 23 abolished under that chapter. The board shall be reviewed during
- 24 the period in which state agencies abolished in 2035, and every 12th
- 25 year after that year, are reviewed.
- SECTION 90. Section 865.0011, Government Code, is amended
- 27 to read as follows:

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- 1 Sec. 865.0011. \underline{DOGE} [SUNSET] REVIEW. The state board of the
- 2 pension system is subject to review under Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE
- 3 [Sunset] Act) but is not abolished under that chapter. The state
- 4 board shall be reviewed during the period in which state agencies
- 5 scheduled to be abolished in 2029, and every 12th year after that
- 6 year, are reviewed.
- 7 SECTION 91. Section 1232.072, Government Code, is amended
- 8 to read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 1232.072. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas Public
- 10 Finance Authority is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset]
- 11 Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter,
- 12 the authority is abolished and this chapter expires September 1,
- 13 2029.
- 14 SECTION 92. Section 2003.023, Government Code, is amended
- 15 to read as follows:
- Sec. 2003.023. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The State Office
- 17 of Administrative Hearings is subject to review under Chapter 325
- 18 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act), but is not abolished under that chapter.
- 19 The office shall be reviewed during the periods in which state
- 20 agencies abolished in 2027 and every 12th year after 2027 are
- 21 reviewed.
- 22 SECTION 93. Section 2054.005, Government Code, is amended
- 23 to read as follows:
- 24 Sec. 2054.005. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. (a) The
- 25 Department of Information Resources is subject to Chapter 325
- 26 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 27 provided by that chapter, the department is abolished and this

- 1 chapter expires September 1, 2025.
- 2 SECTION 94. Section 2056.010, Government Code, is amended
- 3 to read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 2056.010. AGENCY CONFORMANCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN. The
- 5 comptroller, the Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset
- 6 Advisory Commission], the state auditor, the Legislative Budget
- 7 Board, or another agency that conducts performance audits of a
- 8 state agency shall consider in the evaluation of an agency the
- 9 extent to which the agency conforms to the agency's strategic plan.
- 10 SECTION 95. Section 2152.002, Government Code, is amended
- 11 to read as follows:
- 12 Sec. 2152.002. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas
- 13 Facilities Commission is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE
- 14 [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
- 15 chapter, the commission is abolished and this subtitle, except for
- 16 Chapter 2170 and Section 2157.121, expires September 1, 2029.
- 17 SECTION 96. Section 2261.258(b), Government Code, is
- 18 amended to read as follows:
- 19 (b) In assigning a rating to a state agency as required
- 20 under Subsection (a), the state auditor shall consider the
- 21 following information, as applicable:
- 22 (1) results of an audit of:
- 23 (A) the agency conducted by the state auditor
- 24 under Chapter 321; or
- 25 (B) the agency's contracts and contract
- 26 processes and controls conducted by the agency's internal auditors
- 27 or by the state auditor;

- 1 (2) results of a purchase audit conducted by the
- 2 comptroller under Section 2155.325;
- 3 (3) information reported by the quality assurance team
- 4 established under Section 2054.158 relating to the agency's major
- 5 information resources projects;
- 6 (4) information from the Contract Advisory Team
- 7 established under Subchapter C, Chapter 2262, relating to reviews
- 8 of the agency's contracts and contract solicitation documents;
- 9 (5) information relating to agency findings from a
- 10 review of the agency conducted by:
- 11 (A) the Legislative Budget Board; and
- 12 (B) the Department of Government Efficiency
- 13 [Sunset Advisory Commission] under Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset]
- 14 Act);
- 15 (6) the agency's self-reported improvements to the
- 16 agency's contracting processes; and
- 17 (7) any additional internal analysis provided by the
- 18 agency.
- 19 SECTION 97. Section 2306.022, Government Code, is amended
- 20 to read as follows:
- Sec. 2306.022. APPLICATION OF <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 22 Department of Housing and Community Affairs is subject to Chapter
- 23 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 24 provided by that chapter, the department is abolished and this
- 25 chapter expires September 1, 2029.
- SECTION 98. Section 2306.5521, Government Code, is amended
- 27 to read as follows:

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- Sec. 2306.5521. <u>DOGE [SUNSET]</u> PROVISION. The Texas State
- 2 Affordable Housing Corporation is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas
- 3 $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by
- 4 that chapter, the corporation is abolished and this subchapter
- 5 expires September 1, 2029.
- 6 SECTION 99. Section 2308.005, Government Code, is amended
- 7 to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 2308.005. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 9 Workforce Investment Council is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE
- 10 [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
- 11 chapter, the council is abolished September 1, 2027. The council
- 12 shall be reviewed during the period in which the Texas Workforce
- 13 Commission is reviewed.
- 14 SECTION 100. Section 4002.002, Government Code, is amended
- 15 to read as follows:
- Sec. 4002.002. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The State
- 17 Securities Board is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas DOGE [Sunset]
- 18 Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter,
- 19 the board is abolished and this title expires September 1, 2031.
- 20 SECTION 101. Section 34.018, Health and Safety Code, is
- 21 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 34.018. $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [SUNSET] PROVISION. (a) The review
- 23 committee is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas \underline{DOGE}
- 24 [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
- 25 chapter, the review committee is abolished and this chapter expires
- 26 September 1, 2027.
- 27 (b) The Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset

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- 1 Advisory Commission] shall review the review committee during the
- 2 two-year period preceding the date the department is scheduled for
- 3 abolition under Section 1001.003, but the review committee is
- 4 continued in existence until the date provided by Subsection (a).
- 5 This subsection expires September 1, 2025.
- 6 SECTION 102. Section 102.003, Health and Safety Code, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 102.003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Cancer
- 9 Prevention and Research Institute of Texas is subject to Chapter
- 10 325, Government Code (Texas \underline{DOGE} [Sunset] Act). Unless continued
- 11 in existence as provided by that chapter, the institute is
- 12 abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2029.
- 13 SECTION 103. Section 108.016, Health and Safety Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 108.016. <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] REVIEW. Unless the department
- 16 is continued in existence in accordance with Chapter 325,
- 17 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act), after the review
- 18 required by Section 1001.003, this chapter expires on the date the
- 19 department is abolished under that section.
- 20 SECTION 104. Section 117.002, Health and Safety Code, is
- 21 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 117.002. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Public
- 23 Health Funding and Policy Committee is subject to Chapter 325,
- 24 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 25 existence as provided by that chapter, the committee is abolished
- 26 and this chapter expires September 1, 2027.
- 27 SECTION 105. Section 119A.009, Health and Safety Code, is

- 1 amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 119A.009. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Pediatric
- 3 Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council is subject
- 4 to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless
- 5 continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the advisory
- 6 council is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2033.
- 7 SECTION 106. Section 120.002, Health and Safety Code, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 120.002. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The task force is
- 10 subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act).
- 11 Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the task
- 12 force is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2029.
- 13 SECTION 107. Section 182.004, Health and Safety Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 182.004. APPLICATION OF <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 16 Health Services Authority is subject to Chapter 325, Government
- 17 Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 18 provided by that chapter, the corporation is abolished and this
- 19 section, Section 182.001, and Subchapters B and C expire September
- 20 1, 2027.
- 21 SECTION 108. Section 241.187(1), Health and Safety Code, as
- 22 amended by Chapters 596 (S.B. 619) and 600 (S.B. 749), Acts of the
- 23 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is reenacted and amended
- 24 to read as follows:
- 25 (1) The advisory council is subject to Chapter 325,
- 26 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). The advisory council
- 27 shall be reviewed during the period in which the Department of State

- 1 Health Services is reviewed.
- 2 SECTION 109. The heading to Section 403.0054, Health and
- 3 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 403.0054. APPLICABILITY OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT.
- 5 SECTION 110. Sections 403.0054(a) and (c), Health and
- 6 Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 7 (a) The commission is subject to review under Chapter 325,
- 8 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act), as if it were a state
- 9 agency subject to review under that chapter, but may not be
- 10 abolished under that chapter.
- 11 (c) The commission shall pay the cost incurred by the
- 12 Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 13 in performing a review of the commission under this section. The
- 14 Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 15 shall determine the cost, and the commission shall pay the amount
- 16 promptly on receipt of a statement from the Department of
- 17 <u>Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset Advisory Commission] detailing the
- 18 cost.
- 19 SECTION 111. Section 771.032, Health and Safety Code, is
- 20 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 771.032. APPLICATION OF <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] ACT. The
- 22 Commission on State Emergency Communications is subject to Chapter
- 23 325, Government Code (Texas \underline{DOGE} [Sunset] Act). Unless continued
- 24 in existence as provided by that chapter, the commission is
- 25 abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2029.
- SECTION 112. Section 1001.003, Health and Safety Code, is
- 27 amended to read as follows:

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- 1 Sec. 1001.003. $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Department of
- 2 State Health Services is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
- 3 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 4 provided by that chapter, the department is abolished and this
- 5 chapter expires September 1, 2027.
- 6 SECTION 113. Section 40.003, Human Resources Code, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 40.003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Department of
- 9 Family and Protective Services is subject to Chapter 325,
- 10 Government Code (Texas $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 11 existence as provided by that chapter, the department is abolished
- 12 and this chapter expires September 1, 2027.
- 13 SECTION 114. Section 112.023, Human Resources Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 112.023. <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas Council
- 16 for Developmental Disabilities is subject to Chapter 325,
- 17 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 18 existence as provided by that chapter, the council is abolished and
- 19 this chapter expires September 1, 2027.
- 20 SECTION 115. Section 115.005, Human Resources Code, is
- 21 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 115.005. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Governor's
- 23 Committee on People with Disabilities is subject to Chapter 325,
- 24 Government Code (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 25 existence as provided by that chapter, the committee is abolished
- 26 and this chapter expires September 1, 2027.
- 27 SECTION 116. Section 117.003, Human Resources Code, as

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- 1 effective April 1, 2025, is amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 117.003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. Unless the
- 3 commission is continued in existence as provided by Chapter 325,
- 4 Government Code, after the review required by Section 523.0003,
- 5 Government Code, this chapter expires on the date the commission is
- 6 abolished under that section.
- 7 SECTION 117. Section 122.0012, Human Resources Code, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 122.0012. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. [(b)] The Texas
- 10 Workforce Commission's authority to administer and oversee the
- 11 program administered under this chapter is subject to Chapter 325,
- 12 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Notwithstanding any
- 13 other law, that authority expires September 1, 2027, unless
- 14 continued in existence as provided by Chapter 325, Government Code.
- 15 SECTION 118. Section 161.003, Human Resources Code, as
- 16 effective April 1, 2025, is amended to read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 161.003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. Unless the
- 18 commission is continued in existence as provided by Chapter 325,
- 19 Government Code, after the review required by Section 523.0003,
- 20 Government Code, this chapter expires on the date the commission is
- 21 abolished under that section.
- 22 SECTION 119. Section 202.010, Human Resources Code, is
- 23 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 202.010. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas Juvenile
- 25 Justice Board and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department are subject
- 26 to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless
- 27 continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the board and

- 1 the department are abolished September 1, 2027.
- 2 SECTION 120. Section 203.002(d), Human Resources Code, is
- 3 amended to read as follows:
- 4 (d) The executive director shall provide the board and the
- 5 Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 6 at the beginning of each calendar quarter aggregated data on the
- 7 number of times each action described by Subsection (c) was taken
- 8 during the previous calendar quarter.
- 9 SECTION 121. Section 203.017(a-1), Human Resources Code, is
- 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 (a-1) The department shall update and submit the
- 12 regionalization plan developed under Subsection (a) to the
- 13 <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 14 and standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over
- 15 juvenile justice matters by December 1 of each even-numbered year.
- 16 Before submitting the plan, the department must present an updated
- 17 draft of the regionalization plan to the board for public comment
- 18 and board approval.
- 19 SECTION 122. Section 261.054, Human Resources Code, is
- 20 amended to read as follows:
- 21 Sec. 261.054. <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] PROVISION. The office is
- 22 subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas DOGE
- 23 [Sunset] Act), but is not abolished under that chapter. The office
- 24 shall be reviewed during the periods in which the Texas Juvenile
- 25 Justice Department or its successor agency is reviewed.
- SECTION 123. The heading to Section 31.004, Insurance Code,
- 27 is amended to read as follows:

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- Sec. 31.004. <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] PROVISION.
- 2 SECTION 124. Section 31.004(a), Insurance Code, is amended
- 3 to read as follows:
- 4 (a) The Texas Department of Insurance is subject to Chapter
- 5 325, Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued
- 6 in existence as provided by that chapter, the department is
- 7 abolished September 1, 2029.
- 8 SECTION 125. Section 501.003, Insurance Code, is amended to
- 9 read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 501.003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The office is
- 11 subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act).
- 12 Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the
- 13 office is abolished September 1, 2029.
- 14 SECTION 126. Section 1805.060, Insurance Code, is amended
- 15 to read as follows:
- Sec. 1805.060. DOGE [SUNSET] REVIEW. During the period in
- 17 which the Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory
- 18 Commission] performs its review of the department under Chapter
- 19 325, Government Code, the commission shall review the authority
- 20 granted under this subchapter.
- 21 SECTION 127. The heading to Section 2210.002, Insurance
- 22 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 2210.002. SHORT TITLE; <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] PROVISION.
- SECTION 128. Section 2210.002(b), Insurance Code, is
- 25 amended to read as follows:
- 26 (b) The association is subject to review under Chapter 325,
- 27 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act), but is not abolished

- 1 under that chapter. The association shall be reviewed during the
- 2 period in which state agencies abolished in 2031 are reviewed. The
- 3 association shall pay the costs incurred by the Department of
- 4 Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission] in performing
- 5 the review of the association under this subsection. The
- 6 Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 7 shall determine the costs of the review performed under this
- 8 subsection, and the association shall pay the amount of those costs
- 9 promptly on receipt of a statement from the Department of
- 10 Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission] regarding those
- 11 costs. This subsection expires September 1, 2031.
- 12 SECTION 129. Section 2210.0025, Insurance Code, is amended
- 13 to read as follows:
- 14 Sec. 2210.0025. BIENNIAL REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. On or
- 15 before December 31 of each even-numbered year, the board of
- 16 directors shall submit to the commissioner, the appropriate
- 17 committees of each house of the legislature, and the Department of
- 18 Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission] a written
- 19 report relating to the operations of the association during the
- 20 preceding biennium. The report must include:
- 21 (1) any proposed changes in the laws relating to
- 22 regulation of the association and a statement of the reasons for the
- 23 changes; and
- 24 (2) any information regarding association operations
- 25 or procedures that is requested by the department to be addressed in
- 26 the report.
- SECTION 130. The heading to Subchapter A, Chapter 201,

- 1 Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 2 SUBCHAPTER A. SHORT TITLE [+ APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT]
- 3 SECTION 131. Section 301.008, Labor Code, is amended to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 301.008. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 6 Workforce Commission is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
- 7 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 8 provided by that chapter, the commission is abolished September 1,
- 9 2027.
- 10 SECTION 132. The heading to Subchapter A, Chapter 401,
- 11 Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 12 SUBCHAPTER A. SHORT TITLE [+ APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT]
- SECTION 133. Section 404.003, Labor Code, is amended to
- 14 read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 404.003. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The office of
- 16 injured employee counsel is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
- 17 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 18 provided by that chapter, the office is abolished and this chapter
- 19 expires September 1, 2029.
- SECTION 134. Section 412.021(f), Labor Code, is amended to
- 21 read as follows:
- 22 (f) The risk management board and the office are subject to
- 23 Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act). Unless
- 24 continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the board is
- 25 abolished and this section expires September 1, 2031.
- 26 SECTION 135. Section 31.156(a), Natural Resources Code, is
- 27 amended to read as follows:

- 1 (a) The division shall review the real property inventory of
- 2 each state agency not less than every four years, and a review shall
- 3 be made during the calendar year before the agency is scheduled for
- 4 abolition under the Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act (Chapter 325,
- 5 Government Code). The division may verify the accuracy of
- 6 inventory records provided by an agency.
- 7 SECTION 136. Section 32.003, Natural Resources Code, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 32.003. APPLICATION OF <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] ACT. The School
- 10 Land Board is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas DOGE
- 11 [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
- 12 chapter, the board is abolished September 1, 2031.
- 13 SECTION 137. Section 81.01001, Natural Resources Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 81.01001. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. (a) The Railroad
- 16 Commission of Texas is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
- 17 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 18 provided by that chapter, the commission is abolished September 1,
- 19 2029.
- 20 (b) The Railroad Commission of Texas shall pay the costs
- 21 incurred by the <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset
- 22 Advisory Commission in performing a review of the commission under
- 23 this section. The Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset
- 24 Advisory Commission shall determine the costs, and the commission
- 25 shall pay the amount of those costs promptly on receipt of a
- 26 statement from the Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset
- 27 Advisory Commission detailing the costs.

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- 1 SECTION 138. Section 153.044, Natural Resources Code, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 153.044. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Prescribed
- 4 Burning Board is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas
- 5 DOGE [Sunset] Act). The board shall be reviewed during the period
- 6 in which the Department of Agriculture is reviewed.
- 7 SECTION 139. Section 161.0111, Natural Resources Code, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 161.0111. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Veterans' Land
- 10 Board is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code
- 11 (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act), but is not abolished under that chapter.
- 12 The board shall be reviewed during the period in which state
- 13 agencies abolished in 2031 are reviewed and every 12th year after
- 14 that.
- 15 SECTION 140. Section 51.002, Occupations Code, is amended
- 16 to read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 51.002. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 18 Commission of Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Department of
- 19 Licensing and Regulation are subject to Chapter 325, Government
- 20 Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 21 provided by that chapter, the commission and the department are
- 22 abolished September 1, 2033.
- 23 SECTION 141. Section 101.306(c), Occupations Code, is
- 24 amended to read as follows:
- 25 (c) The office shall recommend changes to the statutes
- 26 described by Subsection (a) to the Department of Government
- 27 <u>Efficiency</u> [Sunset Advisory Commission] during the commission's

- 1 review of the relevant licensing agency.
- 2 SECTION 142. Section 151.004, Occupations Code, is amended
- 3 to read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 151.004. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 5 Medical Board is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas
- 6 DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by
- 7 that chapter, the board is abolished and this subtitle and Chapters
- 8 204, 205, 206, 601, 602, 603, and 604 expire September 1, 2033.
- 9 SECTION 143. Section 201.004, Occupations Code, is amended
- 10 to read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 201.004. APPLICATION OF <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 12 Board of Chiropractic Examiners is subject to Chapter 325,
- 13 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 14 existence as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and
- 15 this chapter expires September 1, 2033.
- 16 SECTION 144. Section 251.005, Occupations Code, is amended
- 17 to read as follows:
- 18 Sec. 251.005. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The State
- 19 Board of Dental Examiners is subject to Chapter 325, Government
- 20 Code (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 21 provided by that chapter, the board is abolished September 1, 2033.
- 22 SECTION 145. Section 301.003, Occupations Code, is amended
- 23 to read as follows:
- Sec. 301.003. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 25 Board of Nursing is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas
- 26 DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by
- 27 that chapter, the board is abolished September 1, 2033.

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- 1 SECTION 146. Section 351.004, Occupations Code, is amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 351.004. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas Optometry
- 4 Board is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas DOGE
- 5 [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
- 6 chapter, the board is abolished and this chapter expires September
- 7 1, 2033.
- 8 SECTION 147. Section 452.002, Occupations Code, is amended
- 9 to read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 452.002. APPLICATION OF <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] ACT. The
- 11 Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy
- 12 Examiners is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas DOGE
- 13 [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
- 14 chapter, the executive council is abolished and the following laws
- 15 expire September 1, 2033:
- 16 (1) this chapter;
- 17 (2) Chapter 453; and
- 18 (3) Chapter 454.
- 19 SECTION 148. Section 453.002, Occupations Code, is amended
- 20 to read as follows:
- Sec. 453.002. APPLICATION OF <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 22 Board of Physical Therapy Examiners is subject to Chapter 325,
- 23 Government Code (Texas $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 24 existence as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and
- 25 this chapter expires September 1, 2033.
- SECTION 149. Section 454.003, Occupations Code, is amended
- 27 to read as follows:

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- 1 Sec. 454.003. APPLICATION OF $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 2 Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners is subject to Chapter 325,
- 3 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 4 existence as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and
- 5 this chapter expires September 1, 2033.
- 6 SECTION 150. Section 507.002, Occupations Code, is amended
- 7 to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 507.002. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 9 Behavioral Health Executive Council is subject to Chapter 325,
- 10 Government Code (Texas $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 11 existence as provided by that chapter, the executive council is
- 12 abolished and this chapter and Chapters 501, 502, 503, and 505
- 13 expire September 1, 2033.
- 14 SECTION 151. Section 551.005, Occupations Code, is amended
- 15 to read as follows:
- Sec. 551.005. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 17 State Board of Pharmacy is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
- 18 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 19 provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and this subtitle
- 20 expires September 1, 2033.
- 21 SECTION 152. Section 651.002, Occupations Code, is amended
- 22 to read as follows:
- Sec. 651.002. APPLICATION OF $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 24 Funeral Service Commission is subject to Chapter 325, Government
- 25 Code (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 26 provided by that chapter, the commission is abolished and this
- 27 chapter expires September 1, 2031.

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- 1 SECTION 153. Section 801.003, Occupations Code, is amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 801.003. APPLICATION OF $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [SUNSET] ACT. The State
- 4 Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is subject to Chapter 325,
- 5 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 6 existence as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished
- 7 September 1, 2027.
- 8 SECTION 154. Section 901.006, Occupations Code, is amended
- 9 to read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 901.006. APPLICATION OF <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 11 State Board of Public Accountancy is subject to Chapter 325,
- 12 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 13 existence as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and
- 14 this chapter expires September 1, 2033.
- 15 SECTION 155. Section 1001.005, Occupations Code, is amended
- 16 to read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 1001.005. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 18 Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is subject to
- 19 Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act). Unless
- 20 continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the board is
- 21 abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2033.
- 22 SECTION 156. Section 1002.003, Occupations Code, is amended
- 23 to read as follows:
- Sec. 1002.003. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 25 Board of Professional Geoscientists is subject to Chapter 325,
- 26 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 27 existence as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and

- 1 this chapter expires September 1, 2033.
- 2 SECTION 157. Section 1051.003, Occupations Code, is amended
- 3 to read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 1051.003. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 5 Board of Architectural Examiners is subject to Chapter 325,
- 6 Government Code (Texas \underline{DOGE} [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 7 existence as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and
- 8 this subtitle expires September 1, 2033.
- 9 SECTION 158. Section 1101.006, Occupations Code, is amended
- 10 to read as follows:
- Sec. 1101.006. APPLICATION OF <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 12 Real Estate Commission is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
- 13 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 14 provided by that chapter, the commission is abolished and this
- 15 chapter and Chapter 1102 of this code and Chapter 221, Property
- 16 Code, expire September 1, 2033.
- 17 SECTION 159. Section 1103.006, Occupations Code, is amended
- 18 to read as follows:
- 19 Sec. 1103.006. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 20 Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board is subject to Chapter
- 21 325, Government Code (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act). Unless continued
- 22 in existence as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and
- 23 this chapter and Chapter 1104 expire September 1, 2033.
- 24 SECTION 160. Section 1301.003, Occupations Code, is amended
- 25 to read as follows:
- Sec. 1301.003. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 27 State Board of Plumbing Examiners is subject to Chapter 325,

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- 1 Government Code (Texas $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 2 existence as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and
- 3 this chapter expires September 1, 2033.
- 4 SECTION 161. Section 1701.002, Occupations Code, is amended
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 1701.002. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Texas
- 7 Commission on Law Enforcement is subject to Chapter 325, Government
- 8 Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 9 provided by that chapter, the commission is abolished and this
- 10 chapter expires September 1, 2031.
- 11 SECTION 162. The heading to Section 2021.008, Occupations
- 12 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 2021.008. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION.
- SECTION 163. Sections 2021.008(a) and (a-1), Occupations
- 15 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 16 (a) The commission is subject to Chapter 325, Government
- 17 Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 18 provided by that chapter, and except as provided by Subsections (b)
- 19 and (c), the commission is abolished and this subtitle expires
- 20 September 1, 2029.
- 21 (a-1) As part of the review under Subsection (a), the
- 22 <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 23 shall review:
- 24 (1) the impact on the commission of authorizing the
- 25 executive director to apply for and receive grants to implement or
- 26 enforce this subtitle;
- 27 (2) the effect of increasing the amount of

- 1 unappropriated money remaining in the Texas Racing Commission fund
- 2 at the close of each state fiscal biennium that is transferred to
- 3 the general revenue fund;
- 4 (3) the effect of complying with Chapter 53 in the
- 5 administration of the commission's licensing program;
- 6 (4) the effect of requiring reimbursement of general
- 7 revenue appropriated to the commission for the administration and
- 8 enforcement of this subtitle that exceeds the cumulative amount
- 9 deposited in the Texas Racing Commission fund; and
- 10 (5) the commission's authority to issue a temporary
- 11 license to an applicant whose application appears to comply with
- 12 the requirements of law.
- 13 SECTION 164. Section 11.0111, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 11.0111. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Parks and
- 16 Wildlife Department is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
- 17 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 18 provided by that chapter, the department is abolished September 1,
- 19 2035.
- 20 SECTION 165. Section 8501.0015, Special District Local Laws
- 21 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 8501.0015. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. (a) The
- 23 authority is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code
- 24 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act), but may not be abolished under that
- 25 chapter. The review shall be conducted under Section 325.025,
- 26 Government Code, as if the authority were a state agency scheduled
- 27 to be abolished September 1, 2025, and every 12th year after that

- 1 year.
- 2 (b) The authority shall pay the cost incurred by the
- 3 <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 4 in performing the review. The Department of Government Efficiency
- 5 [Sunset Advisory Commission] shall determine the cost, and the
- 6 authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of a statement
- 7 from the Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory
- 8 Commission] detailing the cost.
- 9 SECTION 166. Section 8502.0021, Special District Local Laws
- 10 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 8502.0021. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. (a) The
- 12 authority is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code
- 13 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act), but may not be abolished under that
- 14 chapter. The review shall be conducted under Section 325.025,
- 15 Government Code, as if the authority were a state agency scheduled
- 16 to be abolished September 1, 2035, and every 12th year after that
- 17 year.
- 18 (b) The authority shall pay the cost incurred by the
- 19 <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 20 in performing the review. The <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u>
- 21 [Sunset Advisory Commission] shall determine the cost, and the
- 22 authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of a statement
- 23 from the Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory
- 24 Commission detailing the cost.
- 25 SECTION 167. Section 8503.0021, Special District Local Laws
- 26 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 8503.0021. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. (a) The

- 1 authority is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code
- 2 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act), but may not be abolished under that
- 3 chapter. The review shall not include the management of the
- 4 generation or transmission of electricity under the wholesale
- 5 electricity operation of the authority and the authority's
- 6 affiliated nonprofit corporations. The review shall be conducted
- 7 under Section 325.025, Government Code, as if the authority were a
- 8 state agency scheduled to be abolished September 1, 2031, and every
- 9 12th year after that year.
- 10 (b) In anticipation of the [sunset] review under Subsection
- 11 (a), based on the results of an audit, including a
- 12 performance-related audit, conducted by the state auditor before
- 13 December 1, 2016, the state auditor may make recommendations to the
- 14 legislature, including whether a review conducted under Subsection
- 15 (a) should include the financial operation and management of the
- 16 generation or transmission of electricity under the wholesale
- 17 electricity operation of the authority and the authority's
- 18 affiliated nonprofit corporations.
- 19 (c) The authority shall pay the cost incurred by the
- 20 Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 21 in performing the review under Subsection (a). The Department of
- 22 Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission] shall determine
- 23 the cost, and the authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt
- 24 of a statement from the Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset
- 25 Advisory Commission detailing the cost.
- 26 SECTION 168. Section 8504.0021, Special District Local Laws
- 27 Code, is amended to read as follows:

- Sec. 8504.0021. APPLICATION OF <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] ACT. (a) The authority is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act), but may not be abolished under that
- 4 chapter. The review shall be conducted under Section 325.025,
- 5 Government Code, as if the authority were a state agency scheduled
- 6 to be abolished September 1, 2025, and every 12th year after that
- 7 year.
- 8 (b) The authority shall pay the cost incurred by the
- 9 Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 10 in performing the review. The <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u>
- 11 [Sunset Advisory Commission] shall determine the cost, and the
- 12 authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of a statement
- 13 from the <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset Advisory
- 14 Commission] detailing the cost.
- 15 SECTION 169. Section 8506.0021, Special District Local Laws
- 16 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 8506.0021. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. (a) The
- 18 authority is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code
- 19 (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act), but may not be abolished under that
- 20 chapter. The review shall be conducted under Section 325.025,
- 21 Government Code, as if the authority were a state agency scheduled
- 22 to be abolished September 1, 2029, and every 12th year after that
- 23 year.
- 24 (b) The authority shall pay the cost incurred by the
- 25 Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 26 in performing the review. The Department of Government Efficiency
- 27 [Sunset Advisory Commission] shall determine the cost, and the

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- 1 authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of a statement
- 2 from the Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory
- 3 Commission detailing the cost.
- 4 SECTION 170. The heading to Section 8508.0005, Special
- 5 District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 8508.0005. REVIEW SCHEDULE UNDER DOGE [SUNSET] ACT.
- 7 SECTION 171. The heading to Section 8510.0104, Special
- 8 District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 8510.0104. REVIEW SCHEDULE UNDER DOGE [SUNSET] ACT.
- 10 SECTION 172. The heading to Section 8511.0104, Special
- 11 District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 12 Sec. 8511.0104. REVIEW SCHEDULE UNDER DOGE [SUNSET] ACT.
- 13 SECTION 173. The heading to Section 9502.0105, Special
- 14 District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 9502.0105. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT.
- 16 SECTION 174. Sections 9502.0105(a) and (c), Special
- 17 District Local Laws Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 18 (a) The district is subject to review under Chapter 325,
- 19 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act), but may not be abolished
- 20 under that chapter. The review shall be conducted under Section
- 21 325.025, Government Code, as if the authority were a state agency
- 22 scheduled to be abolished September 1, 2035, and every 12th year
- 23 after that year.
- 24 (c) The district shall pay the cost incurred by the
- 25 <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> [Sunset Advisory Commission]
- 26 in performing the review. The Department of Government Efficiency
- 27 [Sunset Advisory Commission] shall determine the cost, and the

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- 1 district shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of a statement
- 2 from the Department of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory
- 3 Commission detailing the cost.
- 4 SECTION 175. Section 201.204, Transportation Code, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 201.204. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas
- 7 Department of Transportation is subject to Chapter 325, Government
- 8 Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 9 provided by that chapter, the department is abolished September 1,
- 10 2029.
- 11 SECTION 176. The heading to Section 201.2041,
- 12 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 201.2041. SUBMISSION OF FINANCIAL AUDIT TO DEPARTMENT
- 14 OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY [SUNSET COMMISSION].
- SECTION 177. Section 201.2041(b), Transportation Code, is
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply if the department is
- 18 subject to [sunset] review by the Department of Government
- 19 Efficiency during the previous two-year period.
- 20 SECTION 178. Section 1001.005, Transportation Code, is
- 21 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1001.005. $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [SUNSET] PROVISION. The department is
- 23 subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act).
- 24 Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the
- 25 department is abolished September 1, 2031.
- SECTION 179. Section 12.005, Utilities Code, is amended to
- 27 read as follows:

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- 1 Sec. 12.005. APPLICATION OF <u>DOGE</u> [SUNSET] ACT. The Public
- 2 Utility Commission of Texas is subject to Chapter 325, Government
- 3 Code (Texas $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 4 provided by that chapter or by Chapter 39, the commission is
- 5 abolished September 1, 2029.
- 6 SECTION 180. Section 13.002, Utilities Code, is amended to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 13.002. APPLICATION OF DOGE [SUNSET] ACT. The Office
- 9 of Public Utility Counsel is subject to Chapter 325, Government
- 10 Code (Texas $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 11 provided by that chapter, the office is abolished September 1,
- 12 2029.
- SECTION 181. Section 34.0109(i), Utilities Code, is amended
- 14 to read as follows:
- 15 (i) The advisory committee is subject to Chapter 325,
- 16 Government Code (Texas <u>DOGE</u> [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 17 existence as provided by that chapter, the advisory committee is
- 18 abolished September 1, 2035.
- 19 SECTION 182. Section 39.151(n), Utilities Code, is amended
- 20 to read as follows:
- 21 (n) An independent organization certified by the commission
- 22 under this section is subject to review under Chapter 325,
- 23 Government Code (Texas $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [Sunset] Act), but is not abolished
- 24 under that chapter. The independent organization shall be reviewed
- 25 during the periods in which the Public Utility Commission of Texas
- 26 is reviewed.
- 27 SECTION 183. The heading to Section 39.908, Utilities Code,

- 1 is amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 39.908. EFFECT OF DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION.
- 3 SECTION 184. Section 41.060(c), Utilities Code, is amended
- 4 to read as follows:
- 5 (c) The commission shall prepare a report for the <u>Department</u>
- 6 of Government Efficiency [Sunset Advisory Commission] that
- 7 includes information submitted and responses by electric
- 8 cooperatives in accordance with the Department of Government
- 9 Efficiency's [Sunset Advisory Commission's] schedule for reviewing
- 10 the commission.
- 11 SECTION 185. Section 5.014, Water Code, is amended to read
- 12 as follows:
- 13 Sec. 5.014. $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas Commission
- 14 on Environmental Quality is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
- 15 (Texas $\underline{\text{DOGE}}$ [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in existence as
- 16 provided by that chapter, the commission is abolished September 1,
- 17 2035.
- 18 SECTION 186. Section 6.013, Water Code, is amended to read
- 19 as follows:
- Sec. 6.013. DOGE [SUNSET] PROVISION. The Texas Water
- 21 Development Board is subject to review under Chapter 325,
- 22 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act), but is not abolished
- 23 under that chapter. The board shall be reviewed during the period
- 24 in which state agencies abolished in 2035 and every 12th year after
- 25 2035 are reviewed.
- SECTION 187. Section 15.438(k), Water Code, is amended to
- 27 read as follows:

- 1 (k) The advisory committee is subject to Chapter 325,
- 2 Government Code (Texas DOGE [Sunset] Act). Unless continued in
- 3 existence as provided by that chapter, the advisory committee is
- 4 abolished and this section expires September 1, 2035.
- 5 SECTION 188. To the extent of any conflict, this Act
- 6 prevails over another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session,
- 7 2025, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in
- 8 enacted codes.
- 9 SECTION 189. (a) Effective January 1, 2026:
- 10 (1) the name of the Sunset Advisory Commission is
- 11 changed to the Department of Government Efficiency, and all powers,
- 12 duties, rights, and obligations of the Sunset Advisory Commission
- 13 are the powers, duties, rights, and obligations of the Department
- 14 of Government Efficiency;
- 15 (2) a member of the Sunset Advisory Commission is a
- 16 member of the board of the Department of Government Efficiency; and
- 17 (3) any appropriation to the Sunset Advisory
- 18 Commission is an appropriation to the Department of Government
- 19 Efficiency.
- 20 (b) Effective January 1, 2026, a reference in law to the
- 21 Sunset Advisory Commission is a reference to the Department of
- 22 Government Efficiency.
- 23 (c) The Department of Government Efficiency is the
- 24 successor to the Sunset Advisory Commission in all respects. All
- 25 personnel, equipment, data, documents, facilities, contracts,
- 26 items, other property, rules, decisions, and proceedings of or
- 27 involving the Sunset Advisory Commission are unaffected by the

- 1 change in the name of the agency.
- 2 (d) The Sunset Advisory Commission shall adopt a timetable 3 for phasing in the change of the agency's name so as to minimize the
- 4 fiscal impact of the name change. Until January 1, 2026, to allow
- 5 for phasing in the change of the agency's name and in accordance
- 6 with the timetable established as required by this section, the
- 7 agency may perform any act authorized by law for the Sunset Advisory
- 8 Commission as the Sunset Advisory Commission or as the Department
- 9 of Government Efficiency. Any act of the Sunset Advisory
- 10 Commission acting as the Department of Government Efficiency on or
- 11 after the effective date of this Act and before January 1, 2026, is
- 12 an act of the Sunset Advisory Commission.
- 13 SECTION 190. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.