

Amend CSHB 2292 by striking SECTION 1.22 of the bill (Senate committee printing, page 28, line 62 through page 29, line 37) and substituting the following:

SECTION 1.22. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TRANSITION LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. (a) The Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee is created to facilitate the transfer of powers, duties, functions, programs, and activities among the state's health and human services agencies and the Health and Human Services Commission as provided by this article with a minimal negative effect on the delivery of those services in this state.

(b) The committee is composed of 9 members, as follows:

(1) three members of the Senate, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor not later than October 1, 2003;

(2) three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives not later than October 1, 2003; and

(3) three members of the public, appointed by the Governor not later than October 1, 2003.

(c) A member of the committee serves at the pleasure of the appointing official.

(d) The Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate a co-chair from among their respective appointments.

(e) A member of the council may not receive compensation for serving on the council but is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by the member while conducting the business of the council as provided by the General Appropriations Act.

(f) The committee shall:

(1) facilitate the transfer of powers, duties, functions, programs, and activities among the state's health and human services agencies and the Health and Human Services Commission as provided by statute with a minimal negative effect on the delivery of those services in this state;

(2) with assistance from the Health and Human Services Commission and the health and human services agencies, advise the executive commissioner of health and human services

concerning:

(A) the powers, duties, functions, programs, and activities transferred under this article and the funds and obligations that are related to the powers, duties, functions, programs, or activities; and

(B) the transfer of the powers, duties, functions, programs, activities, records, property, funds, obligations, and employees by the entities required by statute;

(3) meet at the call of the presiding officers;

(4) receive information about rules proposed or adopted by the Health and Human Services Commission and the health and human services agencies;

(5) research, take public testimony, and issue reports on other appropriate issues or specific issues requested by the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker, or Governor; and

(6) review specific recommendations for legislation proposed by the Health and Human Services Commission and the health and human services agencies relating to health and human service rules and regulations and other appropriate issues.

(g) The committee shall monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the health and human service system of this state.

(h) The committee may request reports and other information from the department and the attorney general relating to health and human service of this state and other appropriate issues.

(i) The committee shall use existing staff resources of the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Texas Legislative Council to assist the committee in performing its duties under this section.

(j) Chapter 551, Government Code, applies to the council.

(k) The committee shall report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House of Representatives not later than November 15 of each even-numbered year. The report must include:

(1) identification of significant issues within the health and human service delivery system, with recommendations for action;

(2) the effectiveness and efficiency of the health

and human service delivery system, with recommendations for any necessary research; and

(3) recommendations for legislative action.