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AN ACT

relating to the composition of the Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (e), Section 461.017, Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee is composed of the following ~~[20]~~ members:

(1) five representatives of the public from different geographic regions of the state who have knowledge and expertise in issues relating to reducing drug demand and who are appointed by the executive director of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; and

(2) one representative of each of the following agencies or offices who is appointed by the executive director or commissioner of the agency or office and who is directly involved in the agency's or office's policies, programs, or funding activities relating to reducing drug demand:

(A) the criminal justice division of the governor's office;

(B) the Criminal Justice Policy Council;

(C) the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services;

(D) the Department of Public Safety of the State

1 of Texas;

2 (E) the Health and Human Services Commission;

3 (F) the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

4 (G) the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug
5 Abuse;

6 (H) the Texas Council on Offenders with Mental
7 Impairments;

8 (I) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

9 (J) the Texas Department of Health;

10 (K) the Texas Department of Human Services;

11 (L) the Texas Department of Mental Health and
12 Mental Retardation;

13 (M) the Texas Education Agency;

14 (N) the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission;

15 [~~and~~]

16 (O) the Texas Youth Commission;

17 (P) the Texas Rehabilitation Commission;

18 (Q) the Texas Workforce Commission;

19 (R) the Texas Department of Transportation;

20 (S) the comptroller of public accounts; and

21 (T) the adjutant general's department.

22 (e) The Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee shall
23 develop a statewide strategy to reduce drug demand. The strategy
24 must:

25 (1) incorporate multidisciplinary approaches using
26 current empirical research;

27 (2) include performance-based measurement and

1 accountability standards, short-term objectives, and ten-year
2 targets for reducing drug demand;

3 (3) coordinate, to the extent possible, the efforts of
4 private sector entities and local, state, and federal agencies,
5 including the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the United
6 States Drug Enforcement Administration, to reduce drug demand; and

7 (4) provide opportunities for representatives from
8 the public and private sectors to comment on the committee's
9 activities and make recommendations related to the strategy.

10 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
11 of this Act, the comptroller of public accounts, the adjutant
12 general, and the executive directors of the Texas Rehabilitation
13 Commission, the Texas Workforce Commission, and the Texas
14 Department of Transportation shall each appoint one representative
15 to the Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee under Section
16 461.017, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.