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H.B. No. 2521

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the interagency coordinating council for HIV and hepatitis.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 81.010(c), (e), (f), (h), (i), and (k), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) The council consists of one representative from each of the following agencies appointed by the executive director or commissioner of each agency:

(1) the Department of State Health Services [~~department~~];

(2) the Department of Aging and Disability Services;

(3) the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services;

(4) [~~Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation~~];

[~~(3) the Texas Department of Human Services~~];

[~~(4) the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse~~];

[~~(5) the Texas Rehabilitation Commission~~];

[~~(6)~~] the Texas Youth Commission;

(5) [~~(7)~~] the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

(6) [~~(8)~~] the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission;

(7) [~~(9) the Texas Commission for the Blind~~];

[~~(10) the Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of~~]

1 ~~Hearing,~~

2 [~~(11)~~] the Department of Family and Protective [~~and~~  
3 ~~Regulatory~~] Services;

4 (8) [~~(12)~~] the Texas Education Agency;

5 (9) [~~(13)~~] the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners;

6 (10) [~~(14)~~] the Board of Nurse Examiners;

7 (11) [~~(15)~~] the State Board of Dental Examiners;

8 (12) [~~(16)~~] the Health and Human Services

9 Commission[~~+~~

10 [~~(17)~~ ~~the Texas Department on Aging~~]; and

11 (13) [~~(18)~~] the Texas Workforce Commission.

12 (e) The representative from the Health and Human Services  
13 Commission [~~department~~] serves as chairperson of the council.

14 (f) The council shall meet at least once each quarter on  
15 meeting dates set by the council. Each agency that has a  
16 representative appointed to the council shall ensure that a  
17 representative of the agency attends each meeting [~~at least three~~  
18 ~~quarterly meetings~~] of the council [~~each year~~].

19 (h) The council shall:

20 (1) coordinate communication among the member  
21 agencies listed in Subsection (c) concerning each agency's programs  
22 in providing services related to AIDS, HIV, and hepatitis; and

23 (2) develop a plan that facilitates coordination of  
24 agency programs based on statistical information regarding the  
25 State of Texas for:

26 (A) prevention of AIDS, HIV infection, and  
27 hepatitis; and

1                   (B) provision of services to individuals who have  
2 hepatitis or are infected with HIV.

3                   (i) Not later than September 1 of each [~~even-numbered~~] year,  
4 the council shall file a report with the legislature and the  
5 governor containing policy recommendations based on statistical  
6 information regarding the State of Texas and relating to:

7                   (1) prevention of AIDS, HIV infection, and hepatitis;  
8 and

9                   (2) delivery of health services to individuals who  
10 have AIDS or hepatitis or are infected with HIV.

11                   (k) The Health and Human Services Commission [~~department~~]  
12 shall provide administrative support to the council.

13                   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.