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H.B. No. 1370

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 [~~Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation~~];

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

(4) the Department of Family and Protective Services [~~Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse~~];

(5) [~~the Texas Rehabilitation Commission,~~

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

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

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

(8) [~~(9) the Texas Commission for the Blind,~~

~~(10) the Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing,~~

1 ~~[(11) the Department of Protective and Regulatory~~
2 ~~Services;~~

3 ~~[(12)]~~ the Texas Education Agency;

4 (9) ~~[(13)]~~ the Texas Medical Board [~~State Board of~~
5 ~~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 Commission;

9 (13) ~~[(17) the Texas Department on Aging; and~~

10 ~~[(18)]~~ the Texas Workforce Commission; and

11 (14) the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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, 2007.