

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 71  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

S.B. 71 eliminates obsolete and redundant reports required of the health and human services agencies, and reduces the frequency of reports when appropriate. This will allow the health and human services agencies to focus state resources on providing information that is current and relevant to the governor, the legislature, and the public.

As proposed, S.B. 71 amends current law relating to certain reports submitted by health and human services agencies.

[**Note:** While the statutory reference in this bill is to the Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS), the following amendments affect the Department of Aging and Disability Services, as the successor agency to TDHS.]

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority previously granted to the executive commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission is rescinded in SECTION 6 (Section 531.0243, Health and Safety Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 531.1235(b), Government Code, to require the Guardianship Advisory Board (advisory board) to prepare a biennial report, rather than an annual report, with respect to the recommendations of the advisory board under Subsection (a). Requires the advisory board to file the report with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives not later than December 15 of each even-numbered year, rather than December 15 of each year.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 531.124(b), Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 22.005(d), Human Resources Code, to delete existing text relating to the reporting on handling of the Texas Department of Human Services' unencumbered balances at the end of each fiscal biennium.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 131.005, Human Resources Code, to require each health and human services agency that provides, purchases, or otherwise funds transportation services for clients to comply with the standardized system of reporting and accounting established by the office under Section 131.003(a)(3) (relating to the establishment of a standardized system of reporting and accounting to be used by all health and human services agencies providing client transportation) and make any changes to agency data collection systems that are necessary to enable the agency to comply with the standardized system. Deletes existing text relating to submitting a report relating to transportation services not later than August 31 of each year.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 131.006, Human Resources Code, to delete existing text relating to submitting a report relating to transportation services by electronic mail and by hand delivery to certain persons not later than September 30 each even-numbered year.

SECTION 6. (a) Repealers: Sections 531.0243 (Reports on Delivery of Services), 531.029 (Annual Funds Report), 531.0311 (Annual Work Plan), 531.603 (Report), 752.005 (Annual Report on State Legalization Impact Assistance Grant (SLIAG) and Refugee Assistance Programs), 752.006 (Spending Plan for Federal Funds), Government Code.

(b) Repealer: Subchapter G (Legislative Oversight for Texas Integrated Enrollment Services), Chapter 531, Government Code.

SECTION 7. Repealers: Sections 533.049(b) (relating to a report on any proposals by private service providers for state schools), 533.050(b) (relating to a report on any proposals by private service providers for state mental hospitals), and 1001.031 (Annual Report), Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 8. Repealers: Sections 22.0255(c) (relating to the biennial report), 31.0325(d) (relating to the quarterly report), and 161.031 (Annual Report), Human Resources Code.

SECTION 9. Effective date: September 1, 2011.