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1-4 and Human Services; May 11, 2011, reported favorably by the
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the expansion of faith- and community-based health and
1-9 human services initiatives.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 535.051, Government Code, is amended by
1-12 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
1-13 follows:

1-14 (b) The chief administrative officer of each of the
1-15 following state agencies, in consultation with the governor, shall
1-16 designate one employee from the agency to serve as a liaison for
1-17 faith- and community-based organizations:

- 1-18 (1) the Texas Department [Office] of Rural [Community]
1-19 Affairs;
1-20 (2) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
1-21 (3) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
1-22 (4) the Texas Department of Housing and Community
1-23 Affairs;
1-24 (5) the Texas Education Agency;
1-25 (6) the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission;
1-26 (7) the Texas Veterans Commission;
1-27 (8) the Texas Workforce Commission;
1-28 (9) the Texas Youth Commission;
1-29 (10) the office of the governor;
1-30 (11) the Department of Public Safety;
1-31 (12) the Texas Department of Insurance;
1-32 (13) the Public Utility Commission of Texas;
1-33 (14) the office of the attorney general;
1-34 (15) the Department of Agriculture;
1-35 (16) the office of the comptroller;
1-36 (17) the Department of Information Resources;
1-37 (18) the Office of State-Federal Relations;
1-38 (19) the office of the secretary of state; and
1-39 (20) [~~(10)~~] other state agencies as determined by the
1-40 governor.

1-41 (c) The commissioner of higher education, in consultation
1-42 with the presiding officer of the interagency coordinating group,
1-43 shall designate one employee from an institution of higher
1-44 education, as that term is defined under Section 61.003, Education
1-45 Code, to serve as a liaison for faith- and community-based
1-46 organizations.

1-47 SECTION 2. Sections 535.053(a) and (b), Government Code,
1-48 are amended to read as follows:

1-49 (a) The interagency coordinating group for faith- and
1-50 community-based initiatives is composed of each faith- and
1-51 community-based liaison designated under Section 535.051 and a
1-52 liaison from the State Commission on National and Community
1-53 Service. The commission shall provide administrative support to
1-54 the interagency coordinating group.

1-55 (b) The liaison from the State Commission on National and
1-56 Community Service [~~commission employee designated as a liaison~~
1-57 under Section 535.051] is the presiding officer of the interagency
1-58 coordinating group. If the State Commission on National and
1-59 Community Service is abolished, the liaison from the governor's
1-60 office is the presiding officer of the interagency coordinating
1-61 group.

1-62 SECTION 3. Section 535.054, Government Code, is amended to
1-63 read as follows:

1-64 Sec. 535.054. REPORT [REPORTS]. (a) Not later than
1-65 December 1 of each year, the interagency coordinating group shall
1-66 submit a report to the legislature that describes in detail the

2-1 activities, goals, and progress of the interagency coordinating
2-2 group. ~~[A liaison designated under Section 535.051 shall:~~

2-3 ~~[(1) provide periodic reports to the executive
2-4 commissioner or other chief executive officer who designated the
2-5 liaison, as applicable, on a schedule determined by the person who
2-6 designated the liaison; and~~

2-7 ~~[(2) report annually to the governor's office of
2-8 faith- and community-based initiatives and as necessary to the
2-9 State Commission on National and Community Service regarding the
2-10 liaison's efforts to comply with the duties imposed under Sections
2-11 535.052 and 535.053.]~~

2-12 (b) ~~The [Each] report made under Subsection (a) [(a)(2)]
2-13 must be made available to the public through posting on the office
2-14 of the governor's Internet website[, and the reports may be
2-15 aggregated into a single report for that purpose].~~

2-16 SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 535, Government Code, is
2-17 amended by adding Section 535.055 to read as follows:

2-18 Sec. 535.055. TASK FORCE ON IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH
2-19 NONPROFITS. (a) The interagency coordinating group task force is
2-20 established to help direct the interagency coordinating group in
2-21 carrying out the group's duties under this section. The commission
2-22 shall provide administrative support to the task force.

2-23 (b) The executive commissioner, in consultation with the
2-24 presiding officer of the interagency coordinating group, shall
2-25 appoint as members of the task force one representative from each of
2-26 the following groups and entities:

- 2-27 (1) a statewide nonprofit organization;
- 2-28 (2) local governments;
- 2-29 (3) faith-based groups;
- 2-30 (4) community-based groups;
- 2-31 (5) consultants to nonprofit corporations;
- 2-32 (6) experts in grant writing; and
- 2-33 (7) a statewide association of nonprofit
2-34 organizations.

2-35 (c) In addition to the interagency coordinating group's
2-36 other duties, the interagency coordinating group, in coordination
2-37 with the task force, shall:

- 2-38 (1) develop and implement a plan for improving
2-39 contracting relationships between state agencies and faith- and
2-40 community-based organizations;
- 2-41 (2) develop best practices for cooperating and
2-42 collaborating with faith- and community-based organizations;
- 2-43 (3) identify and address duplication of services
2-44 provided by the state and faith- and community-based organizations;
2-45 and
- 2-46 (4) identify and address gaps in state services that
2-47 faith- and community-based organizations could fill.

2-48 (d) The task force shall prepare a report describing actions
2-49 taken or not taken by the interagency coordinating group under this
2-50 section and include in the report any recommendations relating to
2-51 legislation necessary to address an issue identified by the group
2-52 under this section. The task force shall present the report to the
2-53 House Committee on Human Services or its successor, the House
2-54 Committee on Public Health or its successor, and the Senate Health
2-55 and Human Services Committee or its successor not later than
2-56 September 1, 2012.

2-57 (e) This section expires September 1, 2013.

2-58 SECTION 5. Not later than October 1, 2011, the executive
2-59 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
2-60 appoint members to the interagency coordinating group task force in
2-61 accordance with Section 535.055, Government Code, as added by this
2-62 Act.

2-63 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-64 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-65 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-66 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-67 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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