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S.B. No. 993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the creation of the Texas Nonprofit Council to assist
3 with faith- and community-based initiatives.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 535.055, Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 535.055. TEXAS NONPROFIT COUNCIL [~~TASK FORCE ON~~
8 ~~IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH NONPROFITS~~]. (a) The Texas Nonprofit
9 Council [~~interagency coordinating group task force~~] is established
10 to help direct the interagency coordinating group in carrying out
11 the group's duties under this section. The commission shall
12 provide administrative support to the council [~~task force~~].

13 (b) The executive commissioner, in consultation with the
14 presiding officer of the interagency coordinating group, shall
15 appoint as members of the council two representatives [~~task force~~
16 ~~one representative~~] from each of the following groups and entities:

17 (1) [~~a~~] statewide nonprofit organizations
18 [~~organization~~];

19 (2) local governments;

20 (3) faith-based groups;

21 (4) community-based groups;

22 (5) consultants to nonprofit corporations; and

23 (6) [~~experts in grant writing, and~~

24 [~~(7) a~~] statewide associations [~~association~~] of

1 nonprofit organizations.

2 (c) The council [~~In addition to the interagency~~
3 ~~coordinating group's other duties, the interagency coordinating~~
4 ~~group~~], in coordination with the interagency coordinating group
5 [~~task force~~], shall:

6 (1) make recommendations [~~develop and implement a~~
7 ~~plan~~] for improving contracting relationships between state
8 agencies and faith- and community-based organizations;

9 (2) develop best practices for cooperating and
10 collaborating with faith- and community-based organizations;

11 (3) identify and address duplication of services
12 provided by the state and faith- and community-based organizations;
13 and

14 (4) identify and address gaps in state services that
15 faith- and community-based organizations could fill.

16 (c-1) The council shall elect a chair or chairs and
17 secretary from among its members and shall assist the executive
18 commissioner in identifying individuals to fill vacant council
19 positions that arise.

20 (c-2) Council members serve three-year terms. The terms
21 expire on October 1 of every third year. A council member shall
22 serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

23 (d) The council [~~task force~~] shall prepare a biennial report
24 detailing the council's work, including [~~describing actions taken~~
25 ~~or not taken by the interagency coordinating group under this~~
26 ~~section and include~~] in the report any recommendations relating to
27 legislation necessary to address an issue identified [~~by the group~~]

1 under this section. The council [~~task force~~] shall present the
2 report to the House Committee on Human Services or its successor,
3 the House Committee on Public Health or its successor, and the
4 Senate Health and Human Services Committee or its successor not
5 later than December 1 of each even-numbered year [~~September 1,~~
6 ~~2012~~].

7 (e) Chapter 2110 does not apply to the Texas Nonprofit
8 Council. [~~This section expires September 1, 2013.~~]

9 SECTION 2. Not later than October 1, 2013, and by October 1
10 every three years thereafter, the executive commissioner of the
11 Health and Human Services Commission shall appoint members to the
12 Texas Nonprofit Council in accordance with Section 535.055,
13 Government Code, as amended by this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect August 31, 2013.