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S.B. No. 1375

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study and report by the Sunset Advisory Commission of the self-directed semi-independent status of state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. STUDY AND REPORT. (a) In this section, "commission" means the Sunset Advisory Commission.

(b) The commission shall conduct a study concerning the self-directed semi-independent status of state agencies.

(c) The study must address:

(1) criteria and a process to be used in determining whether a state agency should be given self-directed semi-independent status;

(2) criteria and a process to be used in determining whether the self-directed semi-independent status of a state agency should be revoked;

(3) measures to ensure adequate state oversight of state agencies with self-directed semi-independent status;

(4) reporting requirements for state agencies with self-directed semi-independent status;

(5) procedures for a state agency with self-directed semi-independent status to contract with and to pay for services received from another state agency;

(6) review of a state agency's self-directed semi-independent status as part of the agency's sunset review;

1 (7) appropriations issues related to a state agency's
2 transition to self-directed semi-independent status;

3 (8) appropriations issues related to a state agency's
4 transition from self-directed semi-independent status to regular
5 state agency status; and

6 (9) criteria to review complaint procedures and the
7 disposition of complaints by a state agency with self-directed
8 semi-independent status.

9 (d) In conducting the study, the commission shall consult
10 with the Legislative Budget Board.

11 (e) At the commission's request, a state agency shall
12 provide information and assistance to the commission in conducting
13 the study under this section.

14 (f) Not later than August 31, 2014, the commission shall
15 submit a report on the commission's findings and recommendations
16 to:

- 17 (1) the governor;
- 18 (2) the lieutenant governor; and
- 19 (3) each member of the legislature.

20 (g) This section expires September 1, 2015.

21 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
22 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
23 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
24 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
25 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.