

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 7 (Nelson/Raymond)

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, That Senate Rule 12.03 be
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate
5 Bill 7 (improving the delivery and quality of certain health and
6 human services, including the delivery and quality of Medicaid
7 acute care services and long-term services and supports) to
8 consider and take action on the following matters:

9 (1) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the
10 committee to add text on a matter not included in either the House
11 or Senate version of the bill by adding proposed SECTION 2.03 to
12 ARTICLE 2 of the bill to read as follows:

13 SECTION 2.03. Subchapter A, Chapter 533, Government Code,
14 is amended by adding Section 533.00285 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 533.00285. STAR + PLUS QUALITY COUNCIL. (a) The STAR
16 + PLUS Quality Council is established to advise the commission on
17 the development of policy recommendations that will ensure eligible
18 recipients receive quality, person-centered, consumer-directed
19 acute care services and long-term services and supports in an
20 integrated setting under the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed care
21 program.

22 (b) The executive commissioner shall appoint the members of
23 the council, who must be stakeholders from the acute care services
24 and long-term services and supports community, including:

1 (1) representatives of health and human services
2 agencies;

3 (2) recipients under the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed
4 care program;

5 (3) representatives of advocacy groups representing
6 individuals with disabilities and seniors who are recipients under
7 the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed care program;

8 (4) representatives of service providers for
9 individuals with disabilities; and

10 (5) representatives of health maintenance
11 organizations.

12 (c) The executive commissioner shall appoint the presiding
13 officer of the council.

14 (d) The council shall meet at least quarterly or more
15 frequently if the presiding officer determines that it is necessary
16 to carry out the responsibilities of the council.

17 (e) Not later than November 1 of each year, the council in
18 coordination with the commission shall submit a report to the
19 executive commissioner that includes:

20 (1) an analysis and assessment of the quality of acute
21 care services and long-term services and supports provided under
22 the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed care program;

23 (2) recommendations regarding how to improve the
24 quality of acute care services and long-term services and supports
25 provided under the program; and

26 (3) recommendations regarding how to ensure that
27 recipients eligible to receive services and supports under the

1 program receive person-centered, consumer-directed care in the
2 most integrated setting achievable.

3 (f) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
4 the commission, in consultation with the council, shall submit a
5 report to the legislature regarding the assessments and
6 recommendations contained in any report submitted by the council
7 under Subsection (e) during the most recent state fiscal biennium.

8 (g) The council is subject to the requirements of Chapter
9 551.

10 (h) A member of the council serves without compensation.

11 (i) On January 1, 2017:

12 (1) the council is abolished; and

13 (2) this section expires.

14 Explanation: The change is necessary to establish the STAR +
15 PLUS Quality Council and provide for the operation and duties of the
16 council.

17 (2) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the
18 committee to add text on a matter not included in either the House
19 or Senate version of the bill by adding proposed SECTION 2.13 to
20 ARTICLE 2 of the bill to read as follows:

21 SECTION 2.13. (a) Not later than October 1, 2013, the
22 executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
23 shall appoint the members of the STAR + PLUS Quality Council as
24 required by Section 533.00285, Government Code, as added by this
25 article.

26 (b) The STAR + PLUS Quality Council, in coordination with
27 the Health and Human Services Commission, shall submit:

1 (1) the initial report required under Subsection (e),
2 Section 533.00285, Government Code, as added by this article, not
3 later than November 1, 2014; and

4 (2) the final report required under that subsection
5 not later than November 1, 2016.

6 (c) The Health and Human Services Commission shall submit:

7 (1) the initial report required under Subsection (f),
8 Section 533.00285, Government Code, as added by this article, not
9 later than December 1, 2014; and

10 (2) the final report required under that subsection
11 not later than December 1, 2016.

12 Explanation: The change is necessary to ensure the
13 appointment of members to the STAR + PLUS Quality Council by October
14 1, 2013, and to establish the dates by which certain reports
15 required under Section 533.00285, Government Code, must be
16 submitted by the council and by the Health and Human Services
17 Commission.

18 (3) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the
19 committee to add text on a matter not included in either the House
20 or Senate version of the bill by adding proposed SECTION 2.16 to
21 ARTICLE 2 of the bill to read as follows:

22 SECTION 2.16. Not later than September 15, 2013, the
23 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of
24 representatives shall appoint the members of the STAR + PLUS
25 Nursing Facility Advisory Committee as required by Section
26 533.00252, Government Code, as added by this article.

27 Explanation: The change is necessary to ensure the

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1 appointment of members to the STAR + PLUS Nursing Facility Advisory
2 Committee by September 15, 2013.