

Amend CSSB 208 (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill and any cross-references to those SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Chapter 351, Labor Code, as added by this Act, is amended by adding Sections 351.0021 and 351.0022 to read as follows:

Sec. 351.0021. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. (a) In this section, "committee" means the Legislative Oversight Committee established under this section.

(b) The Legislative Oversight Committee is created to facilitate the transfer of vocational rehabilitation services and other services and programs under this subtitle with, to the greatest degree possible, no negative effect on the delivery of services to clients.

(c) The committee is composed of 11 voting members, as follows:

(1) four members of the senate, appointed by the lieutenant governor;

(2) four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(3) three members of the public, appointed by the governor.

(d) The executive commissioner, the commissioner of assistive and rehabilitative services, and the executive director serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the committee.

(e) A member of the committee serves at the pleasure of the appointing official.

(f) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each designate a presiding co-chair from among their respective appointments.

(g) A member of the committee may not receive compensation for serving on the committee but is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by the member while conducting the business of the committee as provided by the General Appropriations Act.

(h) The committee shall:

(1) facilitate the transfer of vocational

rehabilitation services and other services and programs under this subtitle with, to the greatest degree possible, no negative effect on the delivery of services to clients;

(2) advise the executive director, the executive commissioner, and the commissioner of assistive and rehabilitative services concerning:

(A) the services and programs to be transferred under this subtitle and the funds and obligations that are related to the services and programs; and

(B) the transfer of the services and programs and related records, property, funds, and obligations from the department to the commission as provided by this subtitle; and

(3) meet at the call of either chair.

(i) Chapter 551, Government Code, applies to the committee.

(j) The committee shall submit a report to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and legislature not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year. The report must include an update on the progress of and issues related to the transfer of vocational rehabilitation services and other services and programs under this subtitle from the department to the commission, including the need for any additional statutory changes required to complete the transfer of services and programs to the commission in accordance with this subtitle.

(k) The committee is abolished August 31, 2019.

(l) This section expires September 1, 2019.

Sec. 351.0022. TRANSITION PLAN. (a) The transfer of vocational rehabilitation services and other services and programs under this subtitle must be accomplished in accordance with a transition plan developed by the executive director, the commissioner of assistive and rehabilitative services, and the executive commissioner that ensures that the transfer and provision of services and programs are accomplished in a careful and deliberative manner. Specifically, the transition plan must include:

(1) the specific steps and methods for the transfer or disposition of all obligations, rights, contracts, leases, records, property, and funds, including unexpended and unobligated

appropriations, relating to the services and programs transferred from the department to the commission under this subtitle, including the plans for leased office or building space and the transition of data and information technology systems supporting the services and programs;

(2) the identification of all full-time equivalent employee positions that are associated with the department's administration of the services and programs to be transferred to the commission, including the full-time equivalent employee positions that are associated with the Health and Human Services Commission's administrative support of those transferring services and programs;

(3) measures to ensure that unnecessary disruption to the provision of transferred services and programs does not occur;

(4) a strategy for integrating the department's vocational rehabilitation staff into the commission's local workforce development boards and centers as required by Section 351.004;

(5) a strategy for integrating vocational rehabilitation programs for individuals with visual impairments and for individuals with other disabilities as required by Section 352.101; and

(6) a schedule for implementing the transfer of the services and programs.

(b) In developing the transition plan, the executive director, the commissioner of assistive and rehabilitative services, and the executive commissioner shall, before submitting the plan to the Legislative Oversight Committee and the governor as required by Subsection (d):

(1) hold public hearings in various geographic areas in this state regarding the plan; and

(2) solicit and consider input from appropriate stakeholders.

(c) To the extent allowed by federal law, public hearings under Subsection (b) may be combined with other public hearings required under federal law in relation to the adoption of a state plan for vocational rehabilitation services.

(d) As soon as practicable after September 1, 2015, but not  
later than March 1,

2016, the executive director, the commissioner of assistive and rehabilitative services, and the executive commissioner shall submit the transition plan to the Legislative Oversight Committee and the governor. The Legislative Oversight Committee shall comment on and make recommendations regarding any concerns or adjustments to the transition plan the committee determines appropriate. The executive director, the commissioner of assistive and rehabilitative services, and the executive commissioner may not finalize the transition plan until the comments and recommendations of the committee regarding the transition plan have been reviewed and considered.

(e) The department, commission, and Health and Human Services Commission shall post on the agencies' respective Internet websites:

- (1) the transition plan developed under this section;
- (2) any adjustments to the transition plan recommended by the Legislative Oversight Committee;
- (3) a statement regarding whether the recommended adjustments were adopted or otherwise incorporated; and
- (4) if a recommended adjustment was not adopted, the justification for not adopting the adjustment.

(f) This section expires September 1, 2019.

(b) Not later than October 1, 2015:

(1) the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor shall make the appointments to the Legislative Oversight Committee as required by Section 351.0021, Labor Code, as added by this section; and

(2) the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each designate a presiding co-chair of the Legislative Oversight Committee in accordance with Section 351.0021, Labor Code, as added by this section.

(c) This section takes effect only if S.B. No. 200, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, or similar legislation of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015:

- (1) does not become law; or
- (2) is enacted and becomes law, but does not provide for the establishment of a Health and Human Services Transition

Legislative Oversight Committee to facilitate the consolidation of the health and human services system in this state.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Section 531.0203, Government Code, as added by S.B. No. 200, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended by adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d-1) The commissioner of assistive and rehabilitative services and the executive director of the Texas Workforce Commission serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the committee in addition to the executive commissioner. This subsection expires August 31, 2019.

(b) Chapter 351, Labor Code, as added by this Act, is amended by adding Sections 351.0021 and 351.0022 to read as follows:

Sec. 351.0021. ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TRANSITION LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. (a) In this section, "committee" means the Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee established under Section 531.0203, Government Code.

(b) In addition to the requirements of Section 531.0203(h), Government Code, the committee shall:

(1) facilitate the transfer of vocational rehabilitation services and other services and programs under this subtitle with, to the greatest degree possible, no negative effect on the delivery of services to clients; and

(2) advise the executive director, the commissioner of assistive and rehabilitative services, and the executive commissioner concerning:

(A) the services and programs to be transferred under this subtitle and the funds and obligations that are related to the services and programs; and

(B) the transfer of the services and programs and related records, property, funds, and obligations from the department to the commission as provided by this subtitle.

(c) In addition to the requirements for the report specified by Section 531.0203(j), Government Code, the committee shall include in the report under that subsection an update on the progress of and issues related to the transfer of vocational

rehabilitation services and other services and programs under this subtitle from the department to the commission, including the need for any additional statutory changes required to complete the transfer of services and programs to the commission in accordance with this subtitle.

(d) This section expires September 1, 2019.

Sec. 351.0022. TRANSITION PLAN. (a) In addition to the requirements under Section 531.0204, Government Code, the executive commissioner shall work with the executive director and the commissioner of assistive and rehabilitative services to ensure the transition plan under that section includes a plan for the transfer of vocational rehabilitation services and other services and programs from the department to the commission that ensures the transfer is accomplished in a careful and deliberative manner. Specifically, the transition plan must include:

(1) the specific steps and methods for the transfer or disposition of all obligations, rights, contracts, leases, records, property, and funds, including unexpended and unobligated appropriations, relating to the services and programs transferred from the department to the commission under this subtitle, including the plans for leased office or building space and the transition of data and information technology systems supporting the services and programs;

(2) the identification of all full-time equivalent employee positions that are associated with the department's administration of the services and programs to be transferred to the commission, including the full-time equivalent employee positions that are associated with the Health and Human Services Commission's administrative support of those transferring services and programs;

(3) measures to ensure that unnecessary disruption to the provision of transferred services and programs does not occur;

(4) a strategy for integrating the department's vocational rehabilitation staff into the commission's local workforce development boards and centers as required by Section 351.004;

(5) a strategy for integrating vocational



rehabilitation programs for individuals with visual impairments and for individuals with other disabilities as required by Section 352.101; and

(6) a schedule for implementing the transfer of the services and programs.

(b) To the extent allowed by federal law, public hearings held under Section 531.0204(c), Government Code, if appropriate, may be combined with other public hearings required under federal law in relation to the adoption of a state plan for vocational rehabilitation services.

(c) The plan for the transfer of vocational rehabilitation services and other services and programs required by this section must be included as part of the transition plan submitted to the Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee, the governor, and the Legislative Budget Board under Section 531.0204(e), Government Code, by the date prescribed by that subsection. In addition, the plan must be separately submitted to that committee and the governor as soon as practicable after September 1, 2015. The committee shall comment on the plan in conjunction with making comments on the transition plan as required by Section 531.0204(e), Government Code.

(d) If in making comments and recommendations on the transition plan under Section 531.0204(e), Government Code, the Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee has comments, concerns, or recommendations regarding the elements of the plan required by this section, the committee shall provide those comments, concerns, and recommendations to the executive director and the commissioner of assistive and rehabilitative services in addition to the executive commissioner. The executive director, the commissioner of assistive and rehabilitative services, and the executive commissioner may not finalize the plan required by this section until the comments, concerns, and recommendations of the committee specifically regarding that plan have been reviewed and considered.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2019.

(c) Not later than October 1, 2015, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor shall

make the additional appointments to the Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee required by Section 531.0203(d-1), Government Code, as added by this section.

(d) This section takes effect only if S.B. No. 200, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015:

(1) is enacted and becomes law; and

(2) provides for the establishment of a Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee to facilitate the consolidation of the health and human services system in this state.

(2) In SECTION 31 of the bill (page 20, line 32), between "SECTION 31." and "As soon", insert "(a)".

(3) In SECTION 31 of the bill, on page 20 between lines 53 and 54, insert the following:

(b) The plan for leased office or building space required by Subsection (a) of this section must be included in the transition plan as specified by Section 351.0022, Labor Code, as added by this Act.

(4) In SECTION 32 of the bill, on page 21 between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(e) The plan for transitioning data and information technology systems that support the administration of services and programs under Subtitle C, Title 4, Labor Code, as added by this Act, required by Subsection (a) of this section must be included in the transition plan as specified by Section 351.0022, Labor Code, as added by this Act.