

1-1 By: Raymond, Price, Naishtat H.B. No. 1678  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 13, 2015;  
 1-4 April 21, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
 1-5 and Human Services; May 6, 2015, reported favorably by the  
 1-6 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 6, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8				
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the continuation and functions of the Governor's  
 1-21 Committee on People with Disabilities.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 115.005, Human Resources Code, is  
 1-24 amended to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 115.005. SUNSET PROVISION. The Governor's Committee  
 1-26 on People with Disabilities is subject to Chapter 325, Government  
 1-27 Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided  
 1-28 by that chapter, the committee is abolished and this chapter  
 1-29 expires September 1, 2027 ~~[2015]~~.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 115.009, Human Resources Code, as  
 1-31 amended by S.B. No. 219, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular  
 1-32 Session, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

1-33 Sec. 115.009. FUNCTIONS. The committee shall:

1-34 (1) serve as a central source of information and  
 1-35 education on the abilities, rights, problems, and needs of persons  
 1-36 with disabilities and, as necessary, issue reports;

1-37 (2) provide information to and advise the governor and  
 1-38 the governor's staff on matters relating to the full participation  
 1-39 of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life;

1-40 (3) before the end of each even-numbered year, submit  
 1-41 to the governor and to the legislature a report that includes ~~[+~~

1-42 ~~[(A) the status of the state's compliance with  
 1-43 federal and state laws pertaining to rights and opportunities for  
 1-44 persons with disabilities and recommendations to achieve further  
 1-45 compliance, if necessary;~~

1-46 ~~[(B) a long-range state plan for persons with  
 1-47 disabilities and recommendations to implement that plan; and~~

1-48 ~~[(C)] any recommended changes in state laws  
 1-49 relating to persons with disabilities;~~

1-50 (4) serve as the state's liaison agency in working with  
 1-51 the Office of Disability ~~[President's Committee on]~~ Employment  
 1-52 Policy ~~[of Persons with Disabilities]~~ and other entities involved  
 1-53 in activities or concerns affecting persons with disabilities;

1-54 (5) develop and work with a statewide network of  
 1-55 volunteer community-level committees to promote dissemination of  
 1-56 information about and implementation of federal and state laws  
 1-57 addressing rights and opportunities for persons with disabilities;

1-58 (6) ~~[evaluate the state's compliance with the  
 1-59 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et  
 1-60 seq.) and other federal and state statutes relating to rights and  
 1-61 opportunities for persons with disabilities;~~

2-1                    [~~(7)~~] provide information and technical assistance to  
2-2 public and private agencies and businesses to promote and  
2-3 facilitate implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of  
2-4 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.) and other federal and state  
2-5 statutes relating to rights and opportunities of persons with  
2-6 disabilities;  
2-7                    (7) [~~(8)~~ collect and evaluate data on employment of  
2-8 persons with disabilities by state agencies;  
2-9                    [~~(9)~~] work with legislative committees and with state  
2-10 agencies on the development of laws and policies that affect  
2-11 persons with disabilities;  
2-12                    (8) [~~(10)~~] promote the compilation and publication of  
2-13 state laws relating to persons with disabilities; [~~and~~]  
2-14                    (9) [~~(11)~~] issue awards and other forms of recognition  
2-15 to persons and organizations making outstanding contributions to  
2-16 the employment of persons with disabilities and to public awareness  
2-17 of issues impacting persons with disabilities;  
2-18                    (10) identify each current long-range plan relating to  
2-19 persons with disabilities in this state created by a state agency, a  
2-20 committee of a state agency, or a nonprofit organization required  
2-21 by federal law to produce such a plan, and publish the link to the  
2-22 Internet website address for each long-range plan, if available, on  
2-23 the Internet website of the Governor's Committee on People with  
2-24 Disabilities; and  
2-25                    (11) review and analyze the long-range plans described  
2-26 by Subdivision (10) to identify gaps in state laws and services for  
2-27 persons with disabilities and make biennial recommendations in the  
2-28 committee's report required under Subdivision (3) to address  
2-29 identified gaps.  
2-30                    SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

2-31

\* \* \* \* \*