

1-1 By: Hancock S.B. No. 607
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 17, 2015; February 23, 2015,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
 1-4 Relations; April 7, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
 1-6 April 7, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 607 By: Lucio

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Section 2306.903(a), Government Code, is amended
 1-22 to read as follows:
 1-23 (a) The Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless is
 1-24 composed of:
 1-25 (1) one representative from each of the following
 1-26 agencies, appointed by the administrative head of that agency:
 1-27 (A) the ~~[Texas]~~ Department of State Health
 1-28 Services;
 1-29 (B) ~~[the Texas Department of Human Services,~~
 1-30 ~~[(C) the Texas Department of Mental Health and~~
 1-31 ~~Mental Retardation,~~
 1-32 ~~[(D)]~~ the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
 1-33 (C) ~~[(E)]~~ the ~~[Texas]~~ Department of en Aging
 1-34 and Disability Services;
 1-35 (D) ~~[(F) the Texas Rehabilitation Commission,~~
 1-36 ~~[(G)]~~ the Texas Education Agency;
 1-37 (E) ~~[(H) the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug~~
 1-38 ~~Abuse,~~
 1-39 ~~[(I)]~~ the Department of Family and Protective
 1-40 ~~[and Regulatory]~~ Services;
 1-41 (F) ~~[(J)]~~ the Health and Human Services
 1-42 Commission;
 1-43 (G) ~~[(K)]~~ the Texas Workforce Commission;
 1-44 (H) ~~[(L)]~~ the Texas Juvenile Justice Department
 1-45 ~~[Youth Commission];~~ ~~and~~
 1-46 (I) ~~[(M)]~~ the Texas Veterans Commission; and
 1-47 (J) the Department of Assistive and
 1-48 Rehabilitative Services;
 1-49 (2) two representatives from the department who are
 1-50 appointed by the director, including at least one representative
 1-51 whose duties include management or administration of the community
 1-52 services block grant program or the emergency solutions grant
 1-53 program ~~[one each from the community affairs division and the~~
 1-54 ~~housing finance division, appointed by the director];~~ and
 1-55 (3) three members representing service providers to
 1-56 the homeless, one each appointed by the governor, the lieutenant
 1-57 governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives.
 1-58 SECTION 2. Section 2306.904(e), Government Code, is amended
 1-59 to read as follows:
 1-60 (e) The department shall provide clerical and advisory

2-1 support staff and may provide fiscal support to the council.

2-2 SECTION 3. Section 2306.905, Government Code, is amended to
2-3 read as follows:

2-4 Sec. 2306.905. DUTIES OF COUNCIL. (a) The council shall:

2-5 (1) survey current resources for services for the
2-6 homeless in this state;

2-7 (2) initiate an evaluation of the current and future
2-8 needs for the services;

2-9 (3) assist in coordinating and providing statewide
2-10 services for all homeless individuals in this state;

2-11 (4) increase the flow of information among separate
2-12 providers and appropriate authorities;

2-13 (5) develop guidelines to monitor the provision of
2-14 services for the homeless and the methods of delivering those
2-15 services;

2-16 (6) provide technical assistance to the housing
2-17 finance division of the department in assessing the need for
2-18 housing for individuals with special needs in different localities;

2-19 (7) coordinate with the Texas Workforce Commission,
2-20 local workforce development boards, homeless shelters, and public
2-21 and private entities to provide homeless individuals information on
2-22 services available to assist them in obtaining employment and job
2-23 training;

2-24 (8) establish a central resource and information
2-25 center for the homeless in this state; and

2-26 (9) ensure that local or statewide nonprofit
2-27 organizations perform the duties under this section that the
2-28 council is unable to perform.

2-29 (b) The council and each of its represented agencies may
2-30 seek program or policy assistance from the Texas Homeless Network
2-31 in accomplishing the council's duties.

2-32 SECTION 4. Section 2306.906(b), Government Code, is amended
2-33 to read as follows:

2-34 (b) Each agency shall contribute resources to the council
2-35 unless the agency certifies in writing that the agency is unable to
2-36 contribute resources during that fiscal period.

2-37 SECTION 5. Subchapter KK, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is
2-38 amended by adding Section 2306.910 to read as follows:

2-39 Sec. 2306.910. MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE. Notwithstanding
2-40 Chapter 551, a member of the council who resides 20 or more miles
2-41 away from the location of a council meeting may participate
2-42 remotely in the meeting by telephone conference call or
2-43 videoconference and is counted as present at the meeting for
2-44 purposes of determining whether a quorum of the council is present.

2-45 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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