

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 80
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Appropriations
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties raise concerns regarding reporting requirements that no longer serve their intended purpose or are redundant of other reporting requirements. S.B. 80 seeks to address those concerns by streamlining certain reporting requirements applicable to state agencies and other governmental entities.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 80 amends the Education Code to remove the requirement that the Educational Economic Policy Center provide annual progress reports regarding the implementation of the public school accountability system to the governor, the Legislative Budget Board (LBB), and the commissioner of education.

S.B. 80 amends the Government Code to replace the abolished Texas System of Care Consortium with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) as the entity to which reports on the provision of systems of care services for certain children are submitted by community resource coordination groups and as the entity responsible for creating a related summary report. The bill removes the Sunset Advisory Commission from the entities to which an applicable state agency is required to send a copy of its strategic plan of operation, to which an applicable state agency's internal auditor is required to submit its annual report under the Texas Internal Auditing Act, and with which an applicable state agency is required to file a copy of each report submitted to the agency by the agency's internal auditor under the same act. The bill excludes the governing body of the Department of Aging and Disability Services or its successor agency as a recipient of the annual progress report submitted by the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless.

S.B. 80 amends the Health and Safety Code to remove information from programs implemented by the state energy conservation office from the required contents of the annual report provided by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) evaluating PUC energy efficiency programs.

S.B. 80 amends the Human Resources Code to remove the executive commissioner of HHSC from the entities to which the Texas Council on Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders

is required to deliver a biennial report summarizing requirements the council identifies and recommendations for providing additional or improved services to persons with autism or other pervasive developmental disorders.

S.B. 80 amends the Utilities Code to remove the Sunset Advisory Commission from the entities to which the Office of Public Utility Counsel is required to submit an annual report on the office's activities during the preceding year.

S.B. 80 amends Section 13, Chapter 1282 (H.B. 2), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, to remove the requirement that the executive commissioner of HHSC submit a report to the LBB that specifies certain information regarding adjustments to Medicaid capitation payments to Medicaid managed care organizations before HHSC makes any such capitation payments.

S.B. 80 repeals the following: the requirement that the Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee send copies of its annual assessment of family practice residency training pilot programs to the comptroller of public accounts and the state auditor for review; the requirement that the residential mortgage fraud task force submit an annual progress report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives; the requirement that the comptroller submit a certain report relating to eminent domain to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the presiding officers of the appropriate standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives, and the Texas Legislative Council; the requirement that the pollution prevention advisory committee report quarterly to TCEQ on its activities; the requirement that HHSC submit to the governor and the LBB an annual report on the operation and success of the telephone collection program; and the requirement that TCEQ report to the LBB at the end of each fiscal quarter on the financial status of the petroleum storage tank remediation account.

S.B. 80 repeals the following provisions:

- Section 61.506(g), Education Code
- Sections 402.032(g) and 2206.101(d), Government Code
- Section 361.0215(d), Health and Safety Code
- Section 22.0252(b), Human Resources Code
- Section 26.3574(x), Water Code

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.