

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) launched two new women's health programs on July 1, 2016: Healthy Texas Women program and Family Planning Program. These programs offer health and family planning services to women in Texas.

The Women's Health Advisory Committee (committee) was created by an amendment to S.B. 200 in 2015. The committee is charged with providing recommendations to the commission on the consolidation of women's health programs. The committee is made largely of providers of the new women's health programs which gives providers and HHSC the opportunity to directly interact with each other on the implementation of these programs.

Under S.B. 200, the committee would be abolished on September 1, 2017. With the new programs still less than a year old, S.B. 790 extends the life of the committee another two years until September 1, 2019, to provide more time for HHSC and the providers on the committee to directly discuss and improve the new programs.

As proposed, S.B. 790 amends current law relating to the continuation of the women's health advisory committee.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 531.02221(e), Government Code, to provide that the women's health advisory committee is abolished and this section expires September 1, 2019, rather than September 1, 2017.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.