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H.B. No. 2379

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the provision of legal services to the office of  
3 inspector general of the Health and Human Services Commission.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 531.102, Government Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsection (a-3) and adding Subsection (a-7) to read as  
7 follows:

8 (a-3) The executive commissioner is responsible for  
9 performing all administrative support services functions necessary  
10 to operate the office in the same manner that the executive  
11 commissioner is responsible for providing administrative support  
12 services functions for the health and human services system,  
13 including functions of the office related to the following:

- 14 (1) procurement processes;  
15 (2) contracting policies;  
16 (3) information technology services;  
17 (4) subject to Subsection (a-7), legal services;  
18 (5) budgeting; and  
19 (6) personnel and employment policies.

20 (a-7) For purposes of Subsection (a-3), "legal services"  
21 includes only legal services related to open records, procurement,  
22 contracting, human resources, privacy, litigation support by the  
23 attorney general, bankruptcy, and other legal services as detailed  
24 in the memorandum of understanding or other written agreement

1 required under Section 531.00553, as added by Chapter 837 (S.B.  
2 200), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.