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S.B. No. 526

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the abolishment of certain advisory committees and
3 other entities created to assist or advise state agencies or
4 officers.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 402.033, Government Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
8 follows:

9 (b) If a person determines or reasonably suspects that
10 fraudulent activity has been committed or is about to be committed,
11 the person shall report the information to an authorized
12 governmental agency. If a person reports the information to the
13 attorney general, the attorney general shall notify an appropriate
14 law enforcement agency with jurisdiction to investigate the
15 fraudulent activity [~~each agency with representation on the~~
16 ~~residential mortgage fraud task force under Section 402.032~~]. If a
17 financial institution or person voluntarily or pursuant to this
18 section reports fraudulent activity to an authorized governmental
19 agency, the financial institution or person may not notify any
20 person involved in the fraudulent activity that the fraudulent
21 activity has been reported, and the authorized governmental agency
22 who has any knowledge that such report was made shall not disclose
23 to any person involved in the fraudulent activity that the
24 fraudulent activity has been reported. Any financial institution

1 or person that makes a voluntary report of any possible violation of
2 law or regulation to an authorized governmental agency shall not be
3 liable to any person under any law or regulation of the state or the
4 United States for such report.

5 (d) An authorized governmental agency may share
6 confidential information or information to which access is
7 otherwise restricted by law with one or more other authorized
8 governmental agencies. Except as provided by this subsection,
9 confidential information that is shared under this subsection
10 remains confidential and legal restrictions on access to the
11 information apply.

12 SECTION 2. The following provisions are repealed:

- 13 (1) Section 231.013, Family Code;
14 (2) Section 402.032, Government Code;
15 (3) Sections 195.002(d) and 195.008, Local Government
16 Code; and
17 (4) Subchapter E, Chapter 110, Occupations Code.

18 SECTION 3. On the effective date of this Act, the following
19 are abolished:

- 20 (1) the information resources steering committee;
21 (2) the residential mortgage fraud task force;
22 (3) the Electronic Recording Advisory Committee; and
23 (4) the interagency advisory committee to the Council
24 on Sex Offender Treatment.

25 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.