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H.B. No. 2813

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the statewide behavioral health coordinating council.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter M-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER M-1. STATEWIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL

Sec. 531.471. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "council" means the statewide behavioral health coordinating council.

Sec. 531.472. PURPOSE. The council is established to ensure a strategic statewide approach to behavioral health services.

Sec. 531.473. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. (a) The council is composed of at least one representative designated by each of the following entities:

(1) the governor's office;

(2) the Texas Veterans Commission;

(3) the commission;

(4) the Department of State Health Services;

(5) the Department of Family and Protective Services;

(6) the Texas Civil Commitment Office;

(7) The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston;

(8) The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler;

- 1           (9) the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center;  
2           (10) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;  
3           (11) the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with  
4 Medical or Mental Impairments;  
5           (12) the Commission on Jail Standards;  
6           (13) the Texas Indigent Defense Commission;  
7           (14) the court of criminal appeals;  
8           (15) the Texas Juvenile Justice Department;  
9           (16) the Texas Military Department;  
10          (17) the Texas Education Agency;  
11          (18) the Texas Workforce Commission;  
12          (19) the Health Professions Council, representing:  
13               (A) the State Board of Dental Examiners;  
14               (B) the Texas State Board of Pharmacy;  
15               (C) the State Board of Veterinary Medical  
16 Examiners;  
17               (D) the Texas Optometry Board;  
18               (E) the Texas Board of Nursing; and  
19               (F) the Texas Medical Board; and  
20          (20) the Texas Department of Housing and Community  
21 Affairs.

22           (b) The executive commissioner shall determine the number  
23 of representatives that each entity may designate to serve on the  
24 council.

25           (c) The council may authorize another state agency or  
26 institution that provides specific behavioral health services with  
27 the use of appropriated money to designate a representative to the

1 council.

2 (d) A council member serves at the pleasure of the  
3 designating entity.

4 Sec. 531.474. PRESIDING OFFICER. The mental health  
5 statewide coordinator shall serve as the presiding officer of the  
6 council.

7 Sec. 531.475. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at least  
8 once quarterly or more frequently at the call of the presiding  
9 officer.

10 Sec. 531.476. POWERS AND DUTIES. The council:

11 (1) shall develop and monitor the implementation of a  
12 five-year statewide behavioral health strategic plan;

13 (2) shall develop a biennial coordinated statewide  
14 behavioral health expenditure proposal;

15 (3) may create subcommittees to carry out the  
16 council's duties under this subchapter; and

17 (4) may oversee the administration of state and  
18 federal funding, including grants, involving behavioral and mental  
19 health in this state.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.