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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Children's Health and Nutrition Interagency Council.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 116, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 116. CHILDREN'S [~~EARLY CHILDHOOD~~] HEALTH AND NUTRITION INTERAGENCY COUNCIL

SECTION 2. Section 116.001, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 116.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "council" means the Children's [~~Early Childhood~~] Health and Nutrition Interagency Council.

SECTION 3. Section 116.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 116.002. REVIEW BY SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION. The Sunset Advisory Commission shall review the Children's [~~Early Childhood~~] Health and Nutrition Interagency Council as part of its periodic review of the Department of Agriculture under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act).

SECTION 4. Section 116.003(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Department of Agriculture shall establish the Children's [~~Early Childhood~~] Health and Nutrition Interagency

1 Council. The council is composed of eight members as follows:

2 (1) a representative of the Health and Human Services
3 Commission who is involved in the coordination of children's
4 programs, appointed by the executive commissioner of the Health and
5 Human Services Commission;

6 (2) a representative of the Department of State Health
7 Services' health promotion and chronic disease prevention
8 programs, appointed by the commissioner of state health services;

9 (3) a representative of the Department of State Health
10 Services' Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,
11 Infants and Children, appointed by the commissioner of state health
12 services;

13 (4) a representative of the Texas Workforce
14 Commission, appointed by the executive director of the Texas
15 Workforce Commission;

16 (5) a representative of the Department of Agriculture,
17 appointed by the commissioner of agriculture;

18 (6) a representative of the Texas Education Agency's
19 school health programs, appointed by the commissioner of education;

20 (7) a representative of the Health and Human Services
21 Commission's [~~Department of Family and Protective Services~~] Child
22 Care Licensing Division, appointed by the executive commissioner
23 [~~of the Department of Family and Protective Services~~]; and

24 (8) a representative of the Texas A&M AgriLife
25 Extension Service, appointed by the director of the Texas A&M
26 AgriLife Extension Service.

27 SECTION 5. Section [116.006](#)(a), Health and Safety Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (a) The council shall meet in person three times each year
3 and may hold meetings by conference call as necessary. The council
4 shall invite stakeholders to participate in at least two council
5 meetings each year and provide an opportunity for submission of
6 oral or written testimony. The council at a minimum shall invite:

7 (1) one individual with expertise in children's [~~early~~
8 ~~childhood~~] nutrition and physical activity, such as a registered
9 dietician, physical therapist, or physical education specialist;

10 (2) one staff member or manager of a child-care
11 facility;

12 (3) one staff member or manager of a child-care
13 facility operated in a private residence;

14 (4) two individuals with medical experience in
15 children's [~~early childhood~~] health, such as a family practice
16 physician, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, pediatrician, or
17 child health consultant;

18 (5) one representative from a nonprofit organization
19 that provides family or wellness services; and

20 (6) one representative from an agency or organization
21 with expertise in community health education and outreach, such as
22 a local health department, public relations or marketing firm, or
23 university.

24 SECTION 6. Section [116.007](#), Health and Safety Code, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 Sec. 116.007. COUNCIL POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The council
27 shall review current research to assess:

1 (1) the health of children under the age of 18 [~~six~~] in
2 this state compared to the health of similar children in other
3 states;

4 (2) the significance of nutrition and physical
5 activity in the development of children under the age of 18 [~~six~~];
6 and

7 (3) the existence of nutrition and physical activity
8 requirements and practices in child [~~early childhood~~] care
9 settings.

10 (b) The council shall review the status of the programs
11 administered by each agency represented on the council that promote
12 healthy nutrition and physical activity for children under the age
13 of 18 and in child [~~early childhood~~] care settings.

14 (c) The council shall identify existing state and federal
15 funding sources available for the promotion of health and nutrition
16 for children under the age of 18 and in child [~~early childhood~~] care
17 settings.

18 (d) The council shall consult with key stakeholders to
19 identify:

20 (1) barriers to improving nutrition and physical
21 activity standards for children under the age of 18 and in child
22 [~~early childhood~~] care settings; and

23 (2) evidence-based best practices for improving
24 children's [~~early childhood~~] health through nutrition and physical
25 activity.

26 (e) The Department of Agriculture for the council may
27 contract with a university to study and report on best practices and

1 obstacles for addressing children's [~~early childhood~~] health
2 through nutrition and physical activity.

3 SECTION 7. Section 116.009, Health and Safety Code, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 116.009. CHILDREN'S [~~EARLY CHILDHOOD~~] NUTRITION AND
6 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PLAN. (a) The council shall develop a children's
7 [~~an early childhood~~] nutrition and physical activity plan with a
8 recommended timeline for implementation over a six-year period.

9 (b) The six-year plan must account for stakeholder
10 recommendations, address the financing, staffing, and training
11 required to implement the plan, and include methods to:

12 (1) increase fruit and vegetable consumption among
13 children under the age of 18 [~~six~~];

14 (2) increase daily structured and unstructured
15 physical activity among children under the age of 18 and in child
16 [~~early childhood~~] care settings;

17 (3) increase awareness among parents of the benefits
18 of breast-feeding, healthy eating, and appropriate activity in
19 children under the age of six;

20 (4) facilitate the consumption of breast milk in early
21 childhood care settings;

22 (5) decrease malnutrition and undernourishment among
23 children under the age of 18 [~~six~~]; and

24 (6) engage existing community and state resources and
25 service providers to educate and increase the awareness of parents
26 and caretakers regarding the need for proper nutrition.

27 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.