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S.B. No. 2480

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the Medicaid Waiver Renewal
Legislative Oversight Committee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 531.172 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.172. MEDICAID WAIVER RENEWAL LEGISLATIVE
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. (a) In this section:

(1) "Committee" means the Medicaid Waiver Renewal
Legislative Oversight Committee established under this section.

(2) "Section 1115 waiver" means the Texas Healthcare
Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Waiver under
Section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section
1315).

(b) The Medicaid Waiver Renewal Legislative Oversight
Committee is created to oversee and advise the commission regarding
the commission's negotiations with the Centers for Medicare and
Medicaid Services or other appropriate federal agency to renew the
Section 1115 waiver, including the extension or renewal of the
uncompensated care pool and the transition plan for the delivery
system that will succeed the Delivery System Reform Incentive
Payment (DSRIP) program.

(c) The committee is composed of eight members, as follows:

(1) four members of the senate, appointed by the

1 lieutenant governor; and

2 (2) four members of the house of representatives,
3 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

4 (d) A member of the committee serves at the pleasure of the
5 appointing official.

6 (e) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of
7 representatives shall each designate a co-chair from among the
8 committee members.

9 (f) A member of the committee may not receive compensation
10 for serving on the committee but is entitled to reimbursement for
11 travel expenses incurred by the member while conducting the
12 business of the committee as provided by the General Appropriations
13 Act.

14 (g) The committee shall:

15 (1) facilitate the design and development of the
16 Section 1115 waiver;

17 (2) meet at the call of the co-chairs; and

18 (3) research, take public testimony, and issue reports
19 requested by the lieutenant governor or speaker of the house of
20 representatives.

21 (h) The committee may request reports and other information
22 from the commission.

23 (i) The committee shall use existing staff of the senate,
24 the house of representatives, and the Texas Legislative Council to
25 assist the committee in performing its duties under this section.

26 (j) On September 1, 2023, the committee is abolished and
27 this section expires.

1 SECTION 2. Not later than October 1, 2019, the lieutenant
2 governor and the speaker of the house of representatives shall
3 appoint the members of the Medicaid Waiver Renewal Legislative
4 Oversight Committee as required by Section 531.172(c), Government
5 Code, as added by this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.