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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the statewide intellectual and developmental disabilities 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-2 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER M-2. STATEWIDE INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

Sec. 531.477.  DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "council" means the statewide intellectual and developmental disabilities coordinating council.

Sec. 531.478.  PURPOSE. The council is established to ensure a strategic statewide approach to intellectual and developmental disabilities services.

Sec. 531.479.  COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. (a) The council is composed of at least one representative designated by each of the following entities:

(1)  Health and Human Services Commission-Medicaid, IDD, Health and Specialty Care, HDIS, Access and Eligibility and Ombudsman;

(2)  the Department of State Health Services;

(3)  the Department of Family and Protective Services;

(4)  the Texas Workforce Commission;

(5)  the Texas Education Agency;

(6)  the University of Texas-Austin - Center for Disability Studies;

(7)  HHSC shall appoint a representative of the LIDDA; and

(8)  HHSC shall appoint a representative from a public policy organization focused on IDD:

(1)  a representative of the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities;

(2)  a representative of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities;

(3)  a representative of the Arc of Texas;

(4)  a representative of a Managed Care Organization;

(5)  a provider of Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports;

(6)  a person or family member with lived experience; and

(7)  additional members as needed who must be recognized experts in serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or who represent the interests of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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

(c)  The council may authorize another state agency or institution that provides specific intellectual and developmental disabilities services with the use of appropriated money to designate a representative to the council.

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

Sec. 531.480.  MEETINGS. The council shall meet at least once quarterly or more frequently at the call of the presiding officer.

Sec. 531.481.  POWERS AND DUTIES. The council:

(1)  shall develop and monitor the implementation of a five-year statewide intellectual and developmental disabilities strategic plan;

(2)  shall develop a biennial coordinated statewide intellectual and developmental disabilities expenditure proposal;

(3)  shall annually publish an updated inventory of intellectual and developmental disability programs and services that are funded by the state that includes a description of how those programs and services further the purpose of the statewide intellectual and developmental disabilities strategic plan; and

(4)  may facilitate opportunities to increase collaboration for the effective expenditure of available federal and state funds for intellectual and developmental disability services in this state.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.