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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the statewide interagency aging services 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 INTERAGENCY AGING SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL

Sec. 531.491.  DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "council" means the statewide interagency aging services coordinating council.

Sec. 531.492.  PURPOSE. The council is established to ensure a strategic statewide approach to interagency aging services.

Sec. 531.493.  COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), the council is composed of at least one representative designated by each of the following agencies and entities:

(1)  the governor's office;

(2)  the commission, including one representative of the commission's agency services coordination office;

(3)  the Department of Family and Protective Services;

(4)  the Department of State Health Services;

(5)  the Department of Agriculture's office of rural health;

(6)  the Texas Veterans Commission;

(7)  the Texas Workforce Commission;

(8)  the office of the attorney general;

(9)  the Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio;

(10)  the Texas Aging and Longevity Center at The University of Texas at Austin; and

(11)  the Center for Population Health and Aging at Texas A&M University.

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

(c)  The council may authorize another state agency or entity that provides specific interagency aging 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. 531.494.  PRESIDING OFFICER. The representative of the commission's agency services coordination office designated under Section 531.493(a) shall serve as the presiding officer.

Sec. 531.495.  MEETINGS. The council shall meet at least once quarterly or more frequently at the call of the presiding officer.

Sec. 531.496.  POWERS AND DUTIES. The council:

(1)  shall develop and submit to the executive commissioner a five-year statewide interagency aging services strategic plan;

(2)  shall develop a biennial coordinated statewide interagency aging services expenditure proposal;

(3)  shall annually publish an updated inventory of state-funded interagency aging programs and services that includes a description of how those programs and services further the purpose of the statewide interagency aging services strategic plan;

(4)  may facilitate opportunities to increase collaboration for the effective expenditure of available federal and state funds for interagency aging services in this state; and

(5)  may establish subcommittees as necessary to carry out the council's duties under this subchapter.

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.