By:  Springer S.B. No. 1763

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Kolkhorst         X

Perry             X

Blanco            X

Buckingham                  X

Campbell          X

Hall              X

Miles             X

Powell            X

Seliger           X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 773.012(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  The advisory council is composed of the following 20 [~~19~~] members appointed by the governor:

(1)  a board-certified emergency physician, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide professional association of emergency physicians;

(2)  a licensed physician who is an emergency medical services medical director, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide professional association of emergency medical services medical directors;

(3)  a registered nurse, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide professional association of emergency nurses;

(4)  a fire chief for a municipality that provides emergency medical services, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide fire chiefs association;

(5)  an officer or employee of a private provider of emergency medical services who is involved with the development of a Texas Trauma System, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide association of private providers of emergency medical services;

(6)  a volunteer who provides emergency medical services, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide association of volunteers;

(7)  an educator in the field of emergency medical services;

(8)  a member of an emergency medical services air medical team or unit, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide emergency medical services air medical association;

(9)  a representative of a fire department that provides emergency medical services, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide association of firefighters;

(10)  a representative of hospitals who is affiliated with a hospital that is a designated trauma facility in an urban community, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide association of hospitals;

(11)  a representative of hospitals, who is affiliated with a hospital that is a designated trauma facility in a rural community, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide association of hospitals;

(12)  a representative of a county provider of emergency medical services;

(13)  one licensed physician who is a pediatrician with trauma or emergency care expertise;

(14)  one trauma surgeon;

(15)  one registered nurse with trauma expertise;

(16)  a representative of a stand-alone emergency medical services agency in a municipality or taxing district, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide association representing emergency medical services agencies;

(17)  a certified paramedic, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide association representing emergency medical services agencies or emergency medical services personnel; [~~and~~]

(18)  a representative of an ambulatory surgical center, appointed from a list of names recommended by a statewide association representing ambulatory surgical centers; and

(19)  two representatives of the general public who are not qualified to serve under another subdivision of this subsection.

SECTION 2.  Not later than December 1, 2021, the governor shall appoint the member of the council as required by Section 773.012(b)(18), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3.  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.

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