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H.B. No. 4571

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

Sec. 531.492. PURPOSE. The council is established to ensure a strategic statewide approach to intellectual and developmental disabilities services.

Sec. 531.493. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. (a) The council is composed of the following members:

(1) subject to Subsection (b), one or more representatives designated by each of the following entities:

(A) the Department of State Health Services;

(B) the Department of Family and Protective Services;

(C) the Texas Workforce Commission;

(D) the Texas Education Agency;

(E) the Texas Center for Disability Studies at

1 The University of Texas at Austin;

2 (F) the Center on Disability and Development at  
3 Texas A&M University;

4 (G) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; and

5 (H) the Commission on Jail Standards; and

6 (2) the following members appointed by the executive  
7 commissioner:

8 (A) a representative of a local intellectual and  
9 developmental disability authority as defined by Section 531.002,  
10 Health and Safety Code;

11 (B) a representative of the Governor's Committee  
12 on People with Disabilities;

13 (C) a representative of the Texas Council for  
14 Developmental Disabilities;

15 (D) a representative of the Arc of Texas;

16 (E) a representative of a managed care  
17 organization;

18 (F) a provider of Medicaid long-term services and  
19 supports;

20 (G) a person or family member of an individual  
21 with an intellectual or developmental disability;

22 (H) a representative of the commission's office  
23 of the ombudsman;

24 (I) representatives of the commission, with one  
25 representative appointed from each division of the commission with  
26 responsibility for:

27 (i) Medicaid and the State Children's

1 Health Insurance Program services;

2 (ii) intellectual and developmental  
3 disability behavioral health services;

4 (iii) health and specialty care system  
5 employment;

6 (iv) health, developmental, and  
7 independence services; and

8 (v) access and eligibility services; and

9 (J) additional members as needed who are  
10 recognized experts serving individuals with intellectual and  
11 developmental disabilities or who represent the interests of  
12 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

13 (b) The executive commissioner shall determine the number  
14 of representatives that each entity may designate under Subsection  
15 (a)(1) to serve on the council.

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

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

22 Sec. 531.494. PRESIDING OFFICER. The executive  
23 commissioner shall designate a member of the council to serve as the  
24 presiding officer.

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

1        Sec. 531.496. POWERS AND DUTIES. The council:

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

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

7            (3) shall annually publish an updated inventory of  
8 state-funded intellectual and developmental disability programs  
9 and services that includes:

10            (A) a description of how those programs and  
11 services further the purpose of the statewide intellectual and  
12 developmental disabilities strategic plan; and

13            (B) an estimate of the number of individuals  
14 waiting for or interested in receiving those programs and services;  
15 and

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

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