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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. 531.477. 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;

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

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

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

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

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

11                   (3) a representative of the Arc of Texas;

12                   (4) a representative of a Managed Care  
13 Organization;

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

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

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

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

25           (c) The council may authorize another state agency or  
26 institution that provides specific intellectual and developmental  
27 disabilities services with the use of appropriated money to

1 designate a representative to the council.

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

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

7 Sec. 531.481. POWERS AND DUTIES. The council:

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

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

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

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

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