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H.B. No. 4572

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-3 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER M-3. STATEWIDE INTERAGENCY AGING SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL

Sec. 531.482. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "council" means the statewide interagency aging services coordinating council.

Sec. 531.483. PURPOSE. The council is established to ensure a strategic statewide approach to interagency aging services.

Sec. 531.473. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. (a) The council is composed of at least one representative designated by each of the following entities:

(1) the governor's office;

(2) the Texas Veterans Commission;

(3) the commission;

(4) the Department of State Health Services;

(5) the Department of Family and Protective Services-Adult Protective Services;

(6) the Texas Workforce Commission;

1 (7) the Office of the Attorney General;

2 (8) the Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural
3 Health;

4 (9) the UT Health Science Center San Antonio - Barshop
5 Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies;

6 (10) the UT Austin Aging and Longevity Center; and

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

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

12 (c) The council may authorize another state agency or
13 institution that provides specific interagency aging services with
14 the use of appropriated money to designate a representative to the
15 council.

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

18 Sec. 531.474. PRESIDING OFFICER. The Aging Services
19 Coordination Office at HHSC shall serve as the presiding officer of
20 the council.

21 Sec. 531.475. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at least
22 once quarterly or more frequently at the call of the presiding
23 officer.

24 Sec. 531.476. POWERS AND DUTIES. The council:

25 (1) The coordinating council shall submit the five
26 year strategic plan to the Executive Commissioner of HHSC for
27 approval;

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

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

8 (4) may create subcommittees to carry out the
9 council's duties under this subchapter; and

10 (5) may facilitate opportunities to increase
11 collaboration for the effective expenditure of available federal
12 and state funds for interagency aging services in this state.

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