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H.B. No. 140

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the Neurodegenerative Disease
Advisory Committee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 154.001, Education Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 154.001. DEFINITIONS [~~DEFINITION~~]. In this chapter:

(1) "Advisory committee" means the Neurodegenerative
Disease Advisory Committee.

(2) "Council[~~, "council~~]" means the Texas Council on
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

SECTION 2. Chapter 154, Education Code, is amended by
adding Section 154.0045 to read as follows:

Sec. 154.0045. NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE. (a) The council shall establish the Neurodegenerative
Disease Advisory Committee to:

(1) support the consortium of Alzheimer's disease
centers through the council's Darrell K Royal Texas Alzheimer's
Initiative in:

(A) discovering the causes of Alzheimer's
disease and other neurodegenerative diseases in humans;

(B) developing cures for those diseases; and

(C) establishing programs to address access to
advanced treatment of Alzheimer's disease; and

1 (2) establish appropriate standards consistent with
2 the powers and duties of the consortium under this chapter to ensure
3 the proper use of money authorized for Alzheimer's disease
4 research, facilities development, and caregiver resources.

5 (b) The advisory committee is composed of the following nine
6 members:

7 (1) one member appointed by the governor who is a
8 member of the Board of Advisors for the Darrell K Royal Research
9 Fund for Alzheimer's Disease;

10 (2) four members appointed by the lieutenant governor;
11 and

12 (3) four members appointed by the speaker of the house
13 of representatives.

14 (c) In appointing members to the advisory committee under
15 Subsections (b)(2) and (3), the lieutenant governor and the speaker
16 of the house of representatives must each appoint:

17 (1) three individuals who are physicians or scientists
18 with extensive experience in the field of Alzheimer's disease and
19 neurology, including at least one individual who represents a
20 nationally designated Alzheimer's disease research center funded
21 by the National Institute on Aging; and

22 (2) one member of the public.

23 (d) The member appointed by the governor under Subsection
24 (b)(1) serves as chair of the advisory committee.

25 (e) The members of the advisory committee serve staggered
26 three-year terms. The appointing authorities shall appoint the
27 initial member to terms of one, two, and three years as necessary to

1 ensure one-third of the appointed members' terms expire each year.

2 (f) The members of the advisory committee serve at the
3 pleasure of the appointing authority.

4 (g) If a vacancy occurs on the advisory committee, the
5 appropriate appointing authority shall appoint a successor in the
6 same manner as the original appointment to serve for the remainder
7 of the unexpired term. The appropriate appointing authority shall
8 appoint the successor not later than the 30th day after the date the
9 vacancy occurs.

10 (h) The council shall hire personnel as necessary to support
11 the advisory committee in fulfilling its duties under this chapter.

12 (i) Section 2110.008, Government Code, does not apply to the
13 advisory committee.

14 SECTION 3. Not later than March 1, 2024, the governor,
15 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives
16 shall appoint members of the Neurodegenerative Disease Advisory
17 Committee established under Section 154.0045, Education Code, as
18 added by this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
20 last day of the legislative session.