

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4629
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Human Services
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Unlike many other advisory committees under the purview of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), the Intellectual and Developmental Disability System Redesign Advisory Committee has a time-limited charge. Given the importance of the work the committee does, there is a need for the committee to have members with historical knowledge of the advisory committee's work and who have demonstrated their commitment to the work the committee is tasked with doing. H.B. 4629 seeks to ensure the stability and effectiveness of this important committee by permitting committee members to be reappointed to additional terms and requiring the executive commissioner of HHSC to consider continuity when making appointments to the committee.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission in SECTION 2 of this bill.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 4629 amends the Government Code to include among the factors the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission must consider, to the greatest extent possible, in appointing members of the Intellectual and Developmental Disability System Redesign Advisory Committee, whether the person to be appointed will ensure the continuity in and effective fulfillment of the committee's advisory responsibility. The bill sets the length of a committee member's term of office at four years and authorizes the reappointment of members. The bill requires the executive commissioner to adopt rules necessary to implement the bill's provisions and establishes that the bill's changes with respect to term length apply to a committee member, regardless of when the member was appointed. The bill provides that the effective date of the term of a member appointed to the committee before the bill's effective date begins on the bill's effective date or on the date designated by the executive commissioner as necessary to effectuate staggered terms.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2023.