

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) are required to biennially submit their own strategic plans along with the Coordinated Strategic Plan for Health and Human Services, which combines the HHSC and DSHS strategic plans into one document. When the original statutes governing the strategic planning process and reporting were passed, HHSC had no program areas of its own and served only as an oversight agency for other health and human service agencies. Eliminating the requirement to submit the Coordinated Strategic Plan for Health and Human Services would improve operational efficiency, reduce staff burden, and allow staff to focus on the HHSC and DSHS strategic plans.

S.B. 956 repeals the requirement for HHSC to submit a Coordinated Strategic Plan for Health and Human Services.

HHSC supports this legislation. There is no known opposition to this legislation.

As proposed, S.B. 956 amends current law relating to repealing the coordinated strategic plan for health and human services in this state, including related conforming amendments.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 531.024(a), Government Code, as follows:

(a) Requires the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (executive commissioner) to:

(1) deletes existing text requiring the executive commissioner to facilitate and enforce coordinated planning and delivery of health and human services, including compliance with the coordinated strategic plan. Makes nonsubstantive changes;

(2)-(5) makes no changes to these subdivisions;

(6) at the request of a governmental entity that coordinates the delivery of health and human services in regions, counties, and municipalities of this state, rather than a governmental entity identified under Section 531.022(e) (relating to requiring the executive commissioner to identify the governmental entities that coordinate the delivery of health and human services in regions, counties, and municipalities and request certain information from each entity), assist the entity in implementing a coordinated plan that is authorized to include co-location of services, integrated intake, and coordinated referral and case management and is tailored to the needs and priorities of that entity. Makes a nonsubstantive change; and

(7) makes no changes to this subdivision.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 531.028(b), Government Code, as follows:

(b) Requires the executive commissioner to establish a federal money management system to coordinate and monitor the use of federal money that is received by health and human services agencies to ensure that the money is spent in the most efficient manner and to:

(1) establish priorities for use of federal money by all health and human services agencies, rather than establish priorities for use of federal money by all health and human services agencies, in coordination with the coordinated strategic plan established under Section 531.022 (Coordinated Strategic Plan for Health and Human Services);

(2)-(6) makes no changes to these subdivisions; and

(7) ensure that each governmental entity that coordinates the delivery of health and human services in regions, counties, and municipalities of this state, rather than each governmental entity identified under Section 531.022(e), has access to complete and timely information about all sources of federal money for health and human services programs and that technical assistance is available to governmental entities seeking grants of federal money to provide health and human services.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 533.032(a), Health and Safety Code, as follows:

(a) Deletes existing text requiring the Department of State Health Services to have a long-range plan relating to the provision of services under Title 7 (Mental Health and Intellectual Disability) covering at least six years that includes the provisions required by Section 531.022, Government Code.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 533A.032(a), Health and Safety Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 40.051, Human Resources Code, as follows:

Sec. 40.051. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DEPARTMENT. Deletes existing text requiring the Department of Family and Protective Services to develop a departmental strategic plan based on the goals and priorities stated in the Health and Human Services Commission's coordinated strategic plan for health and human services.

SECTION 6. Repealer: Section 531.022 (Coordinated Strategic Plan for Health and Human Services), Government Code.

SECTION 7. Effective date: September 1, 2023.