By:  Wilson (Senate Sponsor - Flores) H.B. No. 3808

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Kolkhorst         X

Perry             X

Blanco            X

Hall              X

Hancock           X

Hughes            X

LaMantia          X

Miles             X

Sparks            X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome advisory council.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 119A.003, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a)  The advisory council is composed of the following 19 members:

(1)  one member designated by the executive commissioner;

(2)  two members of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor;

(3)  two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(4)  14 members appointed by the governor with the following qualifications:

(A)  three members who are health care providers, as defined by Section 161.201;

(B)  one member who is a licensed health care provider with expertise in treating persons with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections, and autism;

[~~(B)  one member who is an osteopathic physician with experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections;~~]

(C)  one member who is a pediatrician with experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections;

(D)  one member who is a child psychiatrist with experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections;

(E)  [~~one member who is an immunologist with experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections, and the use of intravenous immunoglobulin;~~

[~~(F)  one member who is a dietician or nutritionist who provides services to children with autism spectrum disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorders, and other neuro-developmental conditions;~~

[~~(G)~~]  one member with experience in conducting research on pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections, obsessive-compulsive disorder, tic disorders, and other neurological disorders;

(F) [~~(H)~~]  one member who is [~~licensed by this state to practice as~~] a social worker;

(G) [~~(I)~~]  one member who is a representative of the Texas Education Agency with expertise in special education services;

(H) [~~(J)~~]  one member who is a psychologist licensed under Chapter 501, Occupations Code;

(I) [~~(K)~~]  one member who is a representative of a professional organization in this state for school nurses;

(J) [~~(L)~~]  one member who is a representative of an advocacy and support group in this state for individuals affected by pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections;

(K) [~~(M)~~]  one member who is a representative of an advocacy and support group in this state for individuals affected by autism; and

(L) [~~(N)~~]  one member who is a parent of a child who has been diagnosed with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome or autism.

(d)  An advisory council member appointed under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) may designate another individual to serve in the member's place on the advisory council at the pleasure of the member. An advisory council member who designates another individual to serve in the member's place under this subsection shall provide written notification to the chair of the advisory council.

SECTION 2.  Section 119A.005, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 119A.005.  CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. Members of the advisory council shall elect from among its [~~the legislative~~] members by a majority vote [~~of the advisory council~~] a chair and vice chair.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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