

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the statewide interagency aging services coordinating
3 council.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subchapter M-2 to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER M-2. STATEWIDE INTERAGENCY AGING SERVICES COORDINATING
8 COUNCIL

9 Sec. 531.491. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

10 (1) "Council" means the statewide interagency aging
11 services coordinating council.

12 (2) "Strategic plan" means the statewide interagency
13 aging services strategic plan required under Section 531.497(1).

14 Sec. 531.492. PURPOSE. The council is established to
15 ensure a strategic statewide approach to interagency aging
16 services.

17 Sec. 531.493. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. (a) Subject to
18 Subsection (b), the council is composed of at least one
19 representative appointed by each of the following agencies and
20 entities:

21 (1) the governor's office;

22 (2) the commission, including one representative of
23 the commission's aging services coordination office;

24 (3) the Department of Family and Protective Services;

- 1 (4) the Department of State Health Services;
2 (5) the Department of Agriculture's office of rural
3 health;
4 (6) the Texas Veterans Commission;
5 (7) the Texas Workforce Commission;
6 (8) the office of the attorney general;
7 (9) the Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging
8 Studies at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San
9 Antonio;
10 (10) the Texas Aging and Longevity Consortium at The
11 University of Texas at Austin; and
12 (11) the Center for Community Health and Aging at
13 Texas A&M University.

14 (b) The executive commissioner shall determine the number
15 of representatives that each agency or entity may appoint to serve
16 on the council.

17 (c) The council may authorize another state agency or entity
18 that provides specific interagency aging services with the use of
19 appropriated money to appoint a representative to the council.

20 (d) A council member serves at the pleasure of the
21 appointing agency or entity.

22 Sec. 531.494. TERMS; VACANCY. (a) Council members serve
23 six-year terms.

24 (b) A vacancy on the council shall be filled in the same
25 manner as the original appointment. A council member appointed to
26 fill a vacancy on the council shall serve the remainder of the
27 unexpired term.

1 Sec. 531.495. PRESIDING OFFICER. The representative of the
2 commission's aging services coordination office appointed under
3 Section 531.493(a) shall serve as the presiding officer.

4 Sec. 531.496. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at least
5 once quarterly or more frequently at the call of the presiding
6 officer.

7 Sec. 531.497. POWERS AND DUTIES. The council:

8 (1) shall, in accordance with Section 531.498:

9 (A) develop a recurring five-year statewide
10 interagency aging services strategic plan; and

11 (B) submit the strategic plan to the executive
12 commissioner and the administrative head of each agency subject to
13 the strategic plan;

14 (2) shall develop and, not later than November 1 of
15 each even-numbered year, submit to the legislature a biennial
16 coordinated statewide interagency aging services expenditure
17 proposal;

18 (3) shall annually publish an updated inventory of
19 state-funded interagency aging programs and services that includes
20 a description of how those programs and services further the
21 purpose of the statewide interagency aging services strategic plan;

22 (4) may facilitate opportunities to increase
23 collaboration for the effective expenditure of available federal
24 and state money for interagency aging services in this state; and

25 (5) may establish subcommittees as necessary to carry
26 out the council's duties under this subchapter.

27 Sec. 531.498. RECURRING FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND

1 RELATED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS. (a) Not later than March 1 of the
2 last state fiscal year in each five-year period covered by the most
3 recent strategic plan, the council shall:

4 (1) develop a new strategic plan for the next five
5 state fiscal years that begins with the following fiscal year; and

6 (2) submit the new strategic plan to the executive
7 commissioner and the administrative head of each agency subject to
8 the strategic plan.

9 (b) Not later than the 90th day after receiving the
10 strategic plan, the executive commissioner and the administrative
11 head of each agency that is subject to the plan shall develop and
12 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the
13 legislature a plan for implementing the recommendations applicable
14 to the agency under the strategic plan. An implementation plan must
15 include a justification for any recommendation the commission or
16 other agency declines to implement.

17 Sec. 531.499. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The council is
18 subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). The council shall be
19 reviewed during the period in which the commission is reviewed
20 under Section 531.004. Unless continued in existence as provided by
21 Chapter 325, the council is abolished and this subchapter expires
22 on the date on which the commission is subject to abolishment under
23 that section.

24 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 31, 2024, the
25 appropriate appointing agencies or entities shall appoint the
26 members of the statewide interagency aging services coordinating
27 council as required by Section 531.493, Government Code, as added

1 by this Act.

2 (b) Not later than March 31, 2024, the statewide interagency
3 aging services coordinating council established under Subchapter
4 M-2, Chapter 531, Government Code, as added by this Act, shall hold
5 its initial meeting.

6 (c) Not later than March 1, 2025, the statewide interagency
7 aging services coordinating council shall submit the initial
8 five-year statewide interagency aging services strategic plan
9 required under Section 531.497, Government Code, as added by this
10 Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 728 was passed by the House on April 12, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 97, Nays 47, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 728 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor