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H.B. No. 728

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the statewide interagency aging services coordinating council.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER M-2. STATEWIDE INTERAGENCY AGING SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL

Sec. 531.491. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "council" means the statewide interagency aging services coordinating council.

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

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

(1) the governor's office;

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

(3) the Department of Family and Protective Services;

(4) the Department of State Health Services;

(5) the Department of Agriculture's office of rural

1 health;

2 (6) the Texas Veterans Commission;

3 (7) the Texas Workforce Commission;

4 (8) the office of the attorney general;

5 (9) the Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging
6 Studies at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San
7 Antonio;

8 (10) the Texas Aging and Longevity Center at The
9 University of Texas at Austin; and

10 (11) the Center for Population Health and Aging at
11 Texas A&M University.

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

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

18 (d) A council member serves at the pleasure of the
19 designating entity.

20 Sec. 531.494. PRESIDING OFFICER. The representative of the
21 commission's aging services coordination office designated under
22 Section 531.493(a) shall serve as the presiding officer.

23 Sec. 531.495. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at least
24 once quarterly or more frequently at the call of the presiding
25 officer.

26 Sec. 531.496. POWERS AND DUTIES. The council:

27 (1) shall develop and submit to the executive

1 commissioner a five-year statewide interagency aging services
2 strategic plan;

3 (2) shall develop a biennial coordinated statewide
4 interagency aging services expenditure proposal;

5 (3) shall annually publish an updated inventory of
6 state-funded interagency aging programs and services that includes
7 a description of how those programs and services further the
8 purpose of the statewide interagency aging services strategic plan;

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

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

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.