

1-1 By: Rose (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini, et al.) H.B. No. 728
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 1-3 April 18, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 & Human Services; May 11, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 11, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the statewide interagency aging services coordinating
 1-20 council.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by
 1-23 adding Subchapter M-2 to read as follows:

1-24 SUBCHAPTER M-2. STATEWIDE INTERAGENCY AGING SERVICES COORDINATING
 1-25 COUNCIL

1-26 Sec. 531.491. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-27 (1) "Council" means the statewide interagency aging
 1-28 services coordinating council.

1-29 (2) "Strategic plan" means the statewide interagency
 1-30 aging services strategic plan required under Section 531.497(1).

1-31 Sec. 531.492. PURPOSE. The council is established to
 1-32 ensure a strategic statewide approach to interagency aging
 1-33 services.

1-34 Sec. 531.493. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. (a) Subject to
 1-35 Subsection (b), the council is composed of at least one
 1-36 representative appointed by each of the following agencies and
 1-37 entities:

1-38 (1) the governor's office;

1-39 (2) the commission, including one representative of
 1-40 the commission's aging services coordination office;

1-41 (3) the Department of Family and Protective Services;

1-42 (4) the Department of State Health Services;

1-43 (5) the Department of Agriculture's office of rural
 1-44 health;

1-45 (6) the Texas Veterans Commission;

1-46 (7) the Texas Workforce Commission;

1-47 (8) the office of the attorney general;

1-48 (9) the Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging
 1-49 Studies at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San
 1-50 Antonio;

1-51 (10) the Texas Aging and Longevity Consortium at The
 1-52 University of Texas at Austin; and

1-53 (11) the Center for Community Health and Aging at
 1-54 Texas A&M University.

1-55 (b) The executive commissioner shall determine the number
 1-56 of representatives that each agency or entity may appoint to serve
 1-57 on the council.

1-58 (c) The council may authorize another state agency or entity
 1-59 that provides specific interagency aging services with the use of
 1-60 appropriated money to appoint a representative to the council.

1-61 (d) A council member serves at the pleasure of the

2-1 appointing agency or entity.

2-2 Sec. 531.494. TERMS; VACANCY. (a) Council members serve
2-3 six-year terms.

2-4 (b) A vacancy on the council shall be filled in the same
2-5 manner as the original appointment. A council member appointed to
2-6 fill a vacancy on the council shall serve the remainder of the
2-7 unexpired term.

2-8 Sec. 531.495. PRESIDING OFFICER. The representative of the
2-9 commission's aging services coordination office appointed under
2-10 Section 531.493(a) shall serve as the presiding officer.

2-11 Sec. 531.496. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at least
2-12 once quarterly or more frequently at the call of the presiding
2-13 officer.

2-14 Sec. 531.497. POWERS AND DUTIES. The council:

2-15 (1) shall, in accordance with Section 531.498:

2-16 (A) develop a recurring five-year statewide
2-17 interagency aging services strategic plan; and

2-18 (B) submit the strategic plan to the executive
2-19 commissioner and the administrative head of each agency subject to
2-20 the strategic plan;

2-21 (2) shall develop and, not later than November 1 of
2-22 each even-numbered year, submit to the legislature a biennial
2-23 coordinated statewide interagency aging services expenditure
2-24 proposal;

2-25 (3) shall annually publish an updated inventory of
2-26 state-funded interagency aging programs and services that includes
2-27 a description of how those programs and services further the
2-28 purpose of the statewide interagency aging services strategic plan;

2-29 (4) may facilitate opportunities to increase
2-30 collaboration for the effective expenditure of available federal
2-31 and state money for interagency aging services in this state; and

2-32 (5) may establish subcommittees as necessary to carry
2-33 out the council's duties under this subchapter.

2-34 Sec. 531.498. RECURRING FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND
2-35 RELATED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS. (a) Not later than March 1 of the
2-36 last state fiscal year in each five-year period covered by the most
2-37 recent strategic plan, the council shall:

2-38 (1) develop a new strategic plan for the next five
2-39 state fiscal years that begins with the following fiscal year; and

2-40 (2) submit the new strategic plan to the executive
2-41 commissioner and the administrative head of each agency subject to
2-42 the strategic plan.

2-43 (b) Not later than the 90th day after receiving the
2-44 strategic plan, the executive commissioner and the administrative
2-45 head of each agency that is subject to the plan shall develop and
2-46 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the
2-47 legislature a plan for implementing the recommendations applicable
2-48 to the agency under the strategic plan. An implementation plan must
2-49 include a justification for any recommendation the commission or
2-50 other agency declines to implement.

2-51 Sec. 531.499. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The council is
2-52 subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). The council shall be
2-53 reviewed during the period in which the commission is reviewed
2-54 under Section 531.004. Unless continued in existence as provided by
2-55 Chapter 325, the council is abolished and this subchapter expires
2-56 on the date on which the commission is subject to abolishment under
2-57 that section.

2-58 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 31, 2024, the
2-59 appropriate appointing agencies or entities shall appoint the
2-60 members of the statewide interagency aging services coordinating
2-61 council as required by Section 531.493, Government Code, as added
2-62 by this Act.

2-63 (b) Not later than March 31, 2024, the statewide interagency
2-64 aging services coordinating council established under Subchapter
2-65 M-2, Chapter 531, Government Code, as added by this Act, shall hold
2-66 its initial meeting.

2-67 (c) Not later than March 1, 2025, the statewide interagency
2-68 aging services coordinating council shall submit the initial
2-69 five-year statewide interagency aging services strategic plan

3-1 required under Section 531.497, Government Code, as added by this
3-2 Act.

3-3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3-4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3-5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3-6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3-7 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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