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H.B. No. 729

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the statewide intellectual and developmental disability 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 INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Sec. 531.491. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "council" means the statewide intellectual and developmental disability coordinating council.

Sec. 531.492. PURPOSE. The council is established to ensure this state develops a strategic approach for the provision of intellectual and developmental disability services in this state.

Sec. 531.493. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. (a) The council is composed of the following members:

(1) subject to Subsection (b), one or more representatives designated by each of the following entities:

(A) the Department of State Health Services;

(B) the Department of Family and Protective Services;

(C) the Texas Workforce Commission;

(D) the Texas Education Agency;

1 (E) the Texas Center for Disability Studies at
2 The University of Texas at Austin;

3 (F) the Center on Disability and Development at
4 Texas A&M University;

5 (G) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; and

6 (H) the Commission on Jail Standards; and

7 (2) the following members appointed by the executive
8 commissioner:

9 (A) a representative of a local intellectual and
10 developmental disability authority as defined by Section 531.002,
11 Health and Safety Code;

12 (B) a representative of the Governor's Committee
13 on People with Disabilities;

14 (C) a representative of the Texas Council for
15 Developmental Disabilities;

16 (D) a representative of the Arc of Texas;

17 (E) a representative of a managed care
18 organization;

19 (F) a provider of Medicaid long-term services and
20 supports;

21 (G) a person or family member of an individual
22 with an intellectual or developmental disability;

23 (H) a representative of the commission's office
24 of the ombudsman;

25 (I) representatives of the commission, with one
26 representative appointed from each division of the commission with
27 responsibility for:

1 (i) Medicaid and the Children's Health
2 Insurance Program services;

3 (ii) intellectual and developmental
4 disability behavioral health services;

5 (iii) health and specialty care system
6 employment;

7 (iv) health, developmental, and
8 independence services; and

9 (v) access and eligibility services; and

10 (J) any additional members as the executive
11 commissioner determines appropriate who are recognized experts
12 serving individuals with intellectual and developmental
13 disabilities or who represent the interests of individuals with
14 intellectual and developmental disabilities.

15 (b) The executive commissioner shall determine the number
16 of representatives that each entity may designate under Subsection
17 (a)(1) to serve on the council.

18 (c) The council may authorize another state agency or
19 institution that provides specific intellectual and developmental
20 disability services with the use of money appropriated by this
21 state to designate a representative to the council.

22 (d) A council member serves at the pleasure of the
23 designating entity.

24 Sec. 531.494. PRESIDING OFFICER. The executive
25 commissioner shall designate a member of the council to serve as the
26 presiding officer.

27 Sec. 531.495. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at least

1 once quarterly or more frequently at the call of the presiding
2 officer.

3 Sec. 531.496. DUTIES. The council:

4 (1) shall develop and monitor the implementation of a
5 five-year statewide intellectual and developmental disability
6 strategic plan;

7 (2) shall develop a biennial coordinated statewide
8 intellectual and developmental disability expenditure proposal;

9 (3) shall annually publish an updated inventory of
10 state-funded intellectual and developmental disability programs
11 and services that includes:

12 (A) a description of the manner in which those
13 programs and services further the purpose of the statewide
14 intellectual and developmental disability strategic plan; and

15 (B) an estimate of the number of individuals
16 waiting for or interested in receiving those programs and services;
17 and

18 (4) may facilitate opportunities to increase
19 collaboration for the effective expenditure of available federal
20 and state funds for intellectual and developmental disability
21 services in this state.

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