

1-1 By: LaMantia S.B. No. 956  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 15, 2023; March 3, 2023,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human  
1-4 Services; March 31, 2023, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 31, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13	X			
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1-15	X			
1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to repealing the coordinated strategic plan for health and  
1-20 human services in this state, including related conforming  
1-21 amendments.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 531.024(a), Government Code, is amended  
1-24 to read as follows:

1-25 (a) The executive commissioner shall:

1-26 (1) facilitate and enforce coordinated planning and  
1-27 delivery of health and human services, including:

1-28 (A) ~~[compliance with the coordinated strategic~~  
1-29 ~~plan;~~

1-30 ~~[(B)]~~ co-location of services;

1-31 (B) ~~[(C)]~~ integrated intake; and

1-32 (C) ~~[(D)]~~ coordinated referral and case  
1-33 management;

1-34 (2) develop with the Department of Information  
1-35 Resources automation standards for computer systems to enable  
1-36 health and human services agencies, including agencies operating at  
1-37 a local level, to share pertinent data;

1-38 (3) establish and enforce uniform regional boundaries  
1-39 for all health and human services agencies;

1-40 (4) carry out statewide health and human services  
1-41 needs surveys and forecasting;

1-42 (5) perform independent special-outcome evaluations  
1-43 of health and human services programs and activities;

1-44 (6) at the request of a governmental entity that  
1-45 coordinates the delivery of health and human services in regions,

1-46 counties, and municipalities of this state ~~[identified under~~  
1-47 ~~Section 531.022(e)]~~, assist the ~~[that]~~ entity in implementing a

1-48 coordinated plan that may include co-location of services,  
1-49 integrated intake, and coordinated referral and case management and

1-50 is tailored to the needs and priorities of that entity; and  
1-51 (7) promulgate uniform fair hearing rules for all

1-52 Medicaid-funded services.

1-53 SECTION 2. Section 531.028(b), Government Code, is amended  
1-54 to read as follows:

1-55 (b) The executive commissioner shall establish a federal  
1-56 money management system to coordinate and monitor the use of

1-57 federal money that is received by health and human services  
1-58 agencies to ensure that the money is spent in the most efficient  
1-59 manner and shall:

1-60 (1) establish priorities for use of federal money by  
1-61 all health and human services agencies~~[, in coordination with the~~

2-1 ~~coordinated strategic plan established under Section 531.022~~];  
2-2 (2) coordinate and monitor the use of federal money  
2-3 for health and human services to ensure that the money is spent in  
2-4 the most cost-effective manner throughout the health and human  
2-5 services system;

2-6 (3) review and approve all federal funding plans for  
2-7 health and human services in this state;

2-8 (4) estimate available federal money, including  
2-9 earned federal money, and monitor unspent money;

2-10 (5) ensure that the state meets federal requirements  
2-11 relating to receipt of federal money for health and human services,  
2-12 including requirements relating to state matching money and  
2-13 maintenance of effort;

2-14 (6) transfer appropriated amounts as described by  
2-15 Section 531.0271; and

2-16 (7) ensure that each governmental entity that  
2-17 coordinates the delivery of health and human services in regions,  
2-18 counties, and municipalities of this state [~~identified under~~  
2-19 ~~Section 531.022(e)~~] has access to complete and timely information  
2-20 about all sources of federal money for health and human services  
2-21 programs and that technical assistance is available to governmental  
2-22 entities seeking grants of federal money to provide health and  
2-23 human services.

2-24 SECTION 3. Section 533.032(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
2-25 amended to read as follows:

2-26 (a) The department shall have a long-range plan relating to  
2-27 the provision of services under this title covering at least six  
2-28 years that includes at least the provisions required by Section  
2-29 [~~Sections 531.022 and~~] 531.023, Government Code, and Chapter 2056,  
2-30 Government Code. The plan must cover the provision of services in  
2-31 and policies for state-operated institutions and ensure that the  
2-32 medical needs of the most medically fragile persons with mental  
2-33 illness the department serves are met.

2-34 SECTION 4. Section 533A.032(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
2-35 amended to read as follows:

2-36 (a) The department shall have a long-range plan relating to  
2-37 the provision of services under this title covering at least six  
2-38 years that includes at least the provisions required by Section  
2-39 [~~Sections 531.022 and~~] 531.023, Government Code, and Chapter 2056,  
2-40 Government Code. The plan must cover the provision of services in  
2-41 and policies for state-operated institutions and ensure that the  
2-42 medical needs of the most medically fragile persons with an  
2-43 intellectual disability the department serves are met.

2-44 SECTION 5. Section 40.051, Human Resources Code, is amended  
2-45 to read as follows:

2-46 Sec. 40.051. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DEPARTMENT. The department  
2-47 shall develop a departmental strategic plan based on [~~the goals and~~  
2-48 ~~priorities stated in the commission's coordinated strategic plan~~  
2-49 ~~for health and human services. The department shall also develop~~  
2-50 ~~its plan based on~~]:

- 2-51 (1) furthering the policy of family preservation;
- 2-52 (2) the goal of ending the abuse and neglect of  
2-53 children in the conservatorship of the department; and
- 2-54 (3) the goal of increasing the capacity and  
2-55 availability of foster, relative, and kinship placements in this  
2-56 state.

2-57 SECTION 6. Section 531.022, Government Code, is repealed.

2-58 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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