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S.B. No. 1885

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome
3 advisory council.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [119A.003](#), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The advisory council is composed of the following 19
9 members:

10 (1) one member designated by the executive
11 commissioner;

12 (2) two members of the senate appointed by the
13 lieutenant governor;

14 (3) two members of the house of representatives
15 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

16 (4) 14 members appointed by the governor with the
17 following qualifications:

18 (A) three members who are health care providers,
19 as defined by Section [161.201](#);

20 (B) one member who is a licensed health care
21 provider with expertise in treating persons with pediatric
22 acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric
23 autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
24 streptococcal infections, and autism;

1 ~~[(B) one member who is an osteopathic physician~~
2 ~~with experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset~~
3 ~~neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune~~
4 ~~neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal~~
5 ~~infections,]~~

6 (C) one member who is a pediatrician with
7 experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset
8 neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune
9 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
10 infections;

11 (D) one member who is a child psychiatrist with
12 experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset
13 neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune
14 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
15 infections;

16 (E) ~~[one member who is an immunologist with~~
17 ~~experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset~~
18 ~~neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune~~
19 ~~neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal~~
20 ~~infections, and the use of intravenous immunoglobulin,]~~

21 ~~[(F) one member who is a dietician or~~
22 ~~nutritionist who provides services to children with autism spectrum~~
23 ~~disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorders, and other~~
24 ~~neuro-developmental conditions,]~~

25 ~~[(G)]~~ one member with experience in conducting
26 research on pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome,
27 including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders

1 associated with streptococcal infections, obsessive-compulsive
2 disorder, tic disorders, and other neurological disorders;

3 (F) [~~(H)~~] one member who is [~~licensed by this~~
4 ~~state to practice as~~] a social worker;

5 (G) [~~(I)~~] one member who is a representative of
6 the Texas Education Agency with expertise in special education
7 services;

8 (H) [~~(J)~~] one member who is a psychologist
9 licensed under Chapter 501, Occupations Code;

10 (I) [~~(K)~~] one member who is a representative of a
11 professional organization in this state for school nurses;

12 (J) [~~(L)~~] one member who is a representative of
13 an advocacy and support group in this state for individuals
14 affected by pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome,
15 including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders
16 associated with streptococcal infections;

17 (K) [~~(M)~~] one member who is a representative of
18 an advocacy and support group in this state for individuals
19 affected by autism; and

20 (L) [~~(N)~~] one member who is a parent of a child
21 who has been diagnosed with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric
22 syndrome or autism.

23 (d) An advisory council member appointed under Subsection
24 (a)(2) or (3) may designate another individual to serve in the
25 member's place on the advisory council at the pleasure of the
26 member. An advisory council member who designates another
27 individual to serve in the member's place under this subsection

1 shall provide written notification to the chair of the advisory
2 council.

3 SECTION 2. Section 119A.005, Health and Safety Code, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 119A.005. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. Members of the
6 advisory council shall elect from among its [~~the legislative~~]
7 members by a majority vote [~~of the advisory council~~] a chair and
8 vice chair.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.