

Amend **HB 4751** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 481.681(1), Government Code (page 1, lines 29 and 30), and substitute the following:

(1) "Advisory committee" means the advisory committee of the initiative.

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 481.682(a), Government Code (page 1, line 35), strike "established" and substitute "a program established within the office".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 481.682(b), Government Code (page 1, line 40, through page 2, line 3), and substitute the following:

(b) The purposes of the initiative are to:

(1) leverage the expertise and capacity of regulatory stakeholders and institutions of higher education and industry to advise and provide input to the office regarding the comprehensive strategic plan described by Section 481.686;

(2) identify obstacles and provide recommendations to the governor and legislature regarding quantum economic opportunities and technologies;

(3) provide strategic leadership with respect to quantum initiatives;

(4) identify opportunities for workforce training and development related to the research, design, and manufacturing of quantum computing technology; and

(5) identify opportunities to support:

(A) existing quantum computing and networking industries in this state; and

(B) the development of a quantum manufacturing supply chain in this state.

(c) The initiative may establish ad hoc advisory committees as necessary to carry out the initiative's duties under this subchapter.

(4) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 481.683, Government Code (page 2, lines 4 through 10).

(5) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike the heading to added Section 481.684, Government Code (page 2, line 11), and substitute

the following:

Sec. 481.683. ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPOSITION.

(6) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 481.684(a), Government Code (page 2, line 12), strike "governed by an executive committee composed of seven" and substitute "advised by an advisory committee composed of six".

(7) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Sections 481.684(e) and (f), Government Code (page 2, lines 39 through 43), and substitute the following:

(e) A vacancy on the advisory committee shall be filled by the governor.

(f) Advisory committee members serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in attending committee meetings. Reimbursements under this subsection may be paid from the fund established under Section 481.688.

(g) Chapter 2110 does not apply to the size, composition, or duration of the advisory committee.

(8) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike the heading to added Section 481.685, Government Code (page 2, line 44), and substitute the following:

Sec. 481.684. DIRECTOR; STAFF.

(9) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 481.685, Government Code (page 2, lines 44 and 45), strike "an executive director. The executive" and substitute "a director. The".

(10) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 481.685, Government Code (page 2, lines 45 and 46), strike "direct initiative staff and" and substitute "hire and direct staff to".

(11) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike the heading to added Section 481.686, Government Code (page 2, line 48), and substitute the following:

Sec. 481.685. DUTIES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(12) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 481.686(1), Government Code (page 2, lines 50 through 54), and substitute the following:

(1) advise and provide input to the office regarding the comprehensive strategic plan described by Section 481.686;

(13) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section

481.686(3), Government Code (page 2, lines 60 through 63), and substitute the following:

(3) provide recommendations related to research and funding opportunities pertaining to quantum research, design, commercialization, and manufacturing.

(14) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 481.687, Government Code (page 2, line 64), strike "481.687" and substitute "481.686".

(15) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 481.687(a), Government Code (page 2, line 64), between "shall" and "develop", insert ", in collaboration with the initiative,".

(16) In SECTION 1 of the bill, at the end of added Section 481.687(a)(3), Government Code (page 3, line 5), strike "and".

(17) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 481.687(4), Government Code (page 3, lines 6 and 7) and substitute the following:

(4) a description of suggested methods and opportunities the state may use to promote the development of quantum technologies in this state;

(5) a description of suggested approaches the state may use to ensure the quantum leadership of this state by prioritizing commercial and practical utility through investments in necessary foundational infrastructure, including quantum systems and networking equipment, jobs and workforce, and real property; and

(6) any other information the office, in collaboration with the advisory committee, determines is relevant to further the initiative's goals.

(18) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 481.688, Government Code (page 3, line 12), strike "481.688" and substitute "481.687".

(19) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 481.688(2), Government Code (page 3, line 18), between "the" and "office", insert "advisory committee with the input of the".

(20) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 481.688(4), Government Code (page 3, line 22), strike "members expect" and substitute "expects".

(21) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 481.689, Government Code (page 3, line 25), strike "481.689" and substitute "481.688".

(22) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 481.689(c), Government Code (page 3, lines 37 through 46), and substitute the following:

(c) The office may use money in the fund to:

(1) award grants to state entities, including institutions of higher education, for quantum manufacturing and design projects;

(2) award grants to business entities, including nonprofit organizations with a purpose associated with or significant ties to the quantum industry, to encourage economic development related to quantum manufacturing and design projects;
and

(3) pay for staffing costs described by Section 481.684.

(23) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike "executive" and substitute "advisory" in each of the following places it appears:

(A) in added Section 481.684(b-1), Government Code (page 2, line 17);

(B) in added Section 481.684(c), Government Code (page 2, line 21);

(C) four times in added Section 481.684(d), Government Code (page 2, lines 33, 34, 36, and 37); and

(D) in added Section 481.686, Government Code (page 2, line 48).

(24) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Not later than January 1, 2026, the governor shall make the initial appointments to the advisory committee of the Texas Quantum Initiative established by Section 481.683, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION _____. (a) Notwithstanding any other section of this Act, in a state fiscal year, a state agency to which this Act applies is not required to implement a provision found in another section of this Act that is drafted as a mandatory provision

imposing a duty on the agency to take an action unless money is specifically appropriated to the agency for that fiscal year to carry out that duty. The agency may implement the provision in that fiscal year to the extent other funding is available to the agency to do so.

(b) If, as authorized by Subsection (a) of this section, the state agency does not implement the mandatory provision in a state fiscal year, the state agency, in its legislative budget request for the next state fiscal biennium, shall certify that fact to the Legislative Budget Board and include a written estimate of the costs of implementing the provision in each year of that next state fiscal biennium.

(c) This section expires and any duty suspended by Subsection (a) becomes mandatory on September 1, 2029.