

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 4700
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Human Services
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee that there are statutory misalignments within Texas' health and human services system as a result of restructuring by past legislative efforts. C.S.H.B. 4700 seeks to address some of these inefficiencies and broaden opportunities for public engagement by providing for greater alignment of Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) leadership structures and allowing public input at any stage of the HHSC rulemaking process.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 4700 amends the Government Code to replace proposed rules with Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) rulemaking and rule review activities as items on which the Health and Human Services Executive Council must seek and receive public comment. The bill updates and clarifies the provision establishing that the executive council includes the director of each division established by the executive commissioner of HHSC.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.

COMPARISON OF INTRODUCED AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 4700 may differ from the introduced in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

Whereas the introduced replaced proposed rules with HHSC rulemaking activities as items on which the Health and Human Services Executive Council must seek and receive public comment, the substitute replaces proposed rules with HHSC rulemaking and rule review activities as items on which the council must seek and receive public comment.