

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current federal law restricts the consolidation of federally funded social services with workforce development programs. Utah is the only state in the country allowed to consolidate workforce and social services since its previously existing, consolidated program is "grandfathered."

Every other state, including Texas, must service the needs of qualified applicants for social services through separate programs. These separately run programs are more costly and inefficient. If social service programs in Texas were consolidated, they would be more effective, cost efficient, and have the ability to service individuals with a single case manager.

In 2023, S.B. 2315 was passed and created a task force to develop a consolidation plan for applicable state and local agencies and services to be ready when the federal law or guidance allows the consolidation of safety net programs in Texas.

S.B. 1228 allows for the continuation until 2027 of the Task Force on the Consolidation of Workforce and Social Services to make the necessary recommendations and preparations.

As proposed, S.B. 1228 amends current law relating to the continuation of the Task Force on Consolidation of Workforce and Social Services.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 319.005, Labor Code, to require the Task Force on Consolidation of Workforce and Social Services (task force), not later than December 31 of each even-numbered year, rather than December 1, 2024, to prepare and submit to the legislature a report that includes certain information.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 319.006, Labor Code, to provide that the task force is abolished and Chapter 319 (Task Force on Consolidation of Workforce and Social Services) expires September 1, 2027, rather than September 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2025.