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H.B. No. 1470

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a task force to study the legal and societal barriers to  
3 equality for transgender persons.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "task force" means the  
6 transgender equality task force established by this Act.

7 (b) The task force is established to study the legal and  
8 societal barriers to equality for transgender persons in this  
9 state.

10 (c) The task force is composed of:

11 (1) 11 members appointed by the governor as follows:

12 (A) one representative of the Texas Department of  
13 Banking;

14 (B) one representative of the Texas Department of  
15 Criminal Justice;

16 (C) one representative of the Department of  
17 Family and Protective Services;

18 (D) one representative of the Texas Department of  
19 Insurance;

20 (E) one representative of the Department of State  
21 Health Services;

22 (F) one representative of the Texas Education  
23 Agency;

24 (G) one representative of the Health and Human

1 Services Commission;

2 (H) one representative of an institution of  
3 higher education;

4 (I) one representative of the Texas Workforce  
5 Commission civil rights division;

6 (J) one representative of the Texas Workforce  
7 Commission division of workforce development; and

8 (K) one representative of a nonprofit  
9 organization dedicated to civil rights;

10 (2) two members appointed by the lieutenant governor  
11 as follows:

12 (A) a parent or guardian of a transgender person;  
13 and

14 (B) an attorney who specializes in transgender  
15 rights; and

16 (3) two members appointed by the speaker of the house  
17 of representatives as follows:

18 (A) a physician who specializes in transgender  
19 health issues; and

20 (B) one transgender person.

21 (d) The task force shall hold its first meeting not later  
22 than October 1, 2025, and shall elect a presiding officer from among  
23 its membership. The task force shall hold subsequent meetings at  
24 least quarterly at the call of the presiding officer.

25 (e) A task force member is not entitled to compensation for  
26 service on the task force but is entitled to reimbursement, as  
27 provided by the General Appropriations Act, for actual and

1 necessary expenses incurred in performing task force duties. The  
2 task force may accept gifts, grants, and donations to pay for those  
3 expenses.

4 (f) The Texas Workforce Commission civil rights division  
5 shall provide administrative support services at the request of the  
6 task force.

7 (g) The task force shall study the state actions necessary  
8 to ensure equality and improve the lives of transgender persons,  
9 with particular attention to the following areas:

10 (1) health care, including access to health care  
11 providers who are trained in transgender medical issues;

12 (2) long-term care for transgender persons who are  
13 chronically ill or of advanced age;

14 (3) education;

15 (4) higher education;

16 (5) housing, including homelessness prevention and  
17 reduction;

18 (6) employment; and

19 (7) criminal justice, including the following:

20 (A) raising transgender awareness among law  
21 enforcement through training; and

22 (B) facilitating the appropriate placement of  
23 transgender persons in correctional facilities based on a person's  
24 gender identity.

25 (h) A state agency shall cooperate with and assist the task  
26 force in carrying out the duties of the task force.

27 (i) Not later than December 1, 2026, the task force shall

1 prepare and submit to the governor and the legislature a written  
2 report that summarizes the task force's findings under this section  
3 and recommends solutions for advancing transgender equality and  
4 improving the lives of transgender persons in this state.

5 (j) The task force is abolished and this Act expires  
6 September 1, 2027.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.