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H.B. No. 1545

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sunset review process and certain governmental  
entities subject to that process.

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

ARTICLE 1. ENTITIES GIVEN 2029 SUNSET DATE

SECTION 1.01. TEXAS OPTOMETRY BOARD. Section 351.004,  
Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 351.004. SUNSET PROVISION. The Texas Optometry Board  
is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act).  
Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the  
board is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2029  
~~[2033]~~.

ARTICLE 2. ENTITIES GIVEN 2031 SUNSET DATE

SECTION 2.01. CREDIT UNION DEPARTMENT. Section 15.212,  
Finance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15.212. SUNSET PROVISION. The Credit Union Department  
and the Credit Union Commission are subject to Chapter 325,  
Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence  
as provided by that chapter, the department and commission are  
abolished September 1, 2031 ~~[2035]~~.

SECTION 2.02. STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS.  
Section 2003.023, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2003.023. SUNSET PROVISION. The State Office of  
Administrative Hearings is subject to review under Chapter 325

(Texas Sunset Act), but is not abolished under that chapter. The office shall be reviewed during the periods in which state agencies abolished in 2031 [~~2027~~] and every 12th year after 2031 [~~2027~~] are reviewed.

SECTION 2.03. TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. (a) Section 202.010, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 202.010. SUNSET PROVISION. The Texas Juvenile Justice Board and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department are subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the board and the department are abolished September 1, 2031 [~~2027~~].

(b) Notwithstanding Section 202.010, Human Resources Code, as amended by this Act, the Sunset Advisory Commission shall conduct a limited-scope review of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for the 90th Legislature.

(c) In conducting the limited-scope review under this section, the Sunset Advisory Commission staff evaluation and report must be limited to assessing the Texas Juvenile Justice Department's administration of its regionalization duties aimed at prioritizing the use of local levels of the juvenile justice system over placement or commitment to secure facilities operated by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

(d) The Sunset Advisory Commission may not review the office of independent ombudsman of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as part of the limited-scope review conducted under this section.

(e) The Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendations to the

90th Legislature may include any recommendation the commission considers appropriate based on the limited-scope review conducted under this section.

(f) The Texas Juvenile Justice Department shall submit a report not later than September 1, 2026, to the Sunset Advisory Commission, the speaker of the house of representatives, the lieutenant governor, and the standing committees of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over juvenile justice that includes information about:

(1) the status of the United States Department of Justice's investigation into the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department's progress in addressing findings as detailed in the United States Department of Justice's report titled "Investigation of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department," published on August 1, 2024;

(2) the waitlist of youth committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department awaiting transfer to state secure facilities from county facilities;

(3) the Texas Juvenile Justice Department's staffing and turnover at state facilities for each fiscal year since fiscal year 2016; and

(4) the progress on construction of additional state juvenile correctional facilities for which the legislature appropriated funding in the 2024-2025 biennium.

### ARTICLE 3. ENTITIES GIVEN 2033 SUNSET DATE

#### SECTION 3.01. STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

Section [801.003](#), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

1           Sec. 801.003. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The State Board of  
2 Veterinary Medical Examiners is subject to Chapter 325, Government  
3 Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided  
4 by that chapter, the board is abolished September 1, 2033 [2027].

5           SECTION 3.02. TEXAS PHARMACEUTICAL INITIATIVE. Section  
6 2177.010, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

7           Sec. 2177.010. SUNSET PROVISION [~~EXPIRATION OF CHAPTER~~].  
8 The Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative is subject to Chapter 325  
9 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by  
10 that chapter, the Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative is abolished and  
11 this [~~This~~] chapter expires September 1, 2033 [2025].

12           ARTICLE 4. ENTITIES GIVEN 2035 SUNSET DATE

13           SECTION 4.01. STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD.  
14 Section 12, Chapter 358 (S.B. 1424), Acts of the 88th Legislature,  
15 Regular Session, 2023, is repealed.

16           ARTICLE 5. AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXAS SUNSET ACT

17           SECTION 5.01. SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION. Section  
18 325.003(a-1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

19           (a-1) A public member acts on behalf of the legislature when  
20 participating on the commission in furtherance of the legislature's  
21 duty to provide oversight of state [~~executive branch~~] agencies'  
22 implementation of legislative priorities.

23           SECTION 5.02. AGENCY REPORT TO COMMISSION. Section  
24 325.007(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

25           (a) Before September 1 of the odd-numbered year before the  
26 year in which a state agency subject to this chapter is abolished or  
27 reviewed, the agency shall report to the commission:

1           (1) information regarding the application to the  
2 agency of the criteria in Section 325.011; and

3           (2) any other information that the agency considers  
4 appropriate or that is requested by the commission.

5           SECTION 5.03. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF AGENCY BEING  
6 REVIEWED. Section 325.0075, Government Code, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8           Sec. 325.0075. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF AGENCY BEING  
9 REVIEWED. Before September 1 of the odd-numbered year before the  
10 year in which a state agency subject to this chapter is abolished or  
11 reviewed, the agency shall submit to the commission, the governor,  
12 the lieutenant governor, and each member of the legislature a  
13 report that:

14           (1) lists each report that the agency is required by a  
15 statute to prepare; and

16           (2) evaluates the need for each report listed in  
17 Subdivision (1) based on whether factors or conditions have changed  
18 since the date the statutory requirement to prepare the report was  
19 enacted.

20           SECTION 5.04. COMMISSION DUTIES. Section 325.008(a),  
21 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

22           (a) Before January 1 of the year in which a state agency  
23 subject to this chapter and its advisory committees are abolished  
24 or reviewed, the commission shall:

25           (1) review and take action necessary to verify the  
26 reports submitted by the agency under Section 325.007;

27           (2) consult the Legislative Budget Board, the

1 Governor's Budget, Policy, and Planning Division, the State  
2 Auditor, and the comptroller of public accounts, or their  
3 successors, on the application to the agency of the criteria  
4 provided in Section 325.011;

5 (3) conduct a review of the agency based on the  
6 criteria provided in Section 325.011 and prepare a written report;  
7 and

8 (4) review the implementation of commission  
9 recommendations contained in the reports presented to the  
10 legislature during the preceding legislative session and the  
11 resulting legislation.

12 SECTION 5.05. PUBLIC HEARINGS. Section 325.009(a),  
13 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

14 (a) Before February 1 of the year a state agency subject to  
15 this chapter and its advisory committees are abolished or reviewed,  
16 the commission shall conduct public hearings concerning but not  
17 limited to the application to the agency of the criteria provided in  
18 Section 325.011.

19 SECTION 5.06. REVIEW OF CERTAIN AGENCIES. Sections  
20 325.0125(a) and (b), Government Code, are amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 (a) In the two-year period preceding the date scheduled for  
23 the abolition or review of a state agency under this chapter, the  
24 commission may exempt certain agencies from the requirements of  
25 this chapter relating to staff reports, hearings, and reviews.

26 (b) The commission may only exempt agencies that have been  
27 inactive for a period of two years preceding the date the agency is

1 scheduled for abolition or review, that have been rendered inactive  
2 by an action of the legislature, or that the commission determines  
3 are unable to participate in the review due to a declared disaster.

4 SECTION 5.07. REVIEW OF CERTAIN MULTISTATE COMPACTS.  
5 Chapter 325, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 325.026  
6 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 325.026. REVIEW OF CERTAIN MULTISTATE COMPACTS,  
8 RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER SIMILAR AGREEMENTS. (a) During  
9 a review of a state agency that is responsible for administering,  
10 implementing, or enforcing a multistate compact, reciprocity  
11 agreement, or other similar agreement to which this state is a  
12 party, the commission shall review the compact or agreement as part  
13 of the review of the state agency.

14 (b) If a multistate compact, reciprocity agreement, or  
15 other similar agreement to which this state is a party is not  
16 administered, implemented, or enforced by a state agency, or is  
17 administered, implemented, or enforced by a state agency that is  
18 not subject to review under this chapter, the commission shall  
19 establish a review schedule to ensure that the compact or agreement  
20 is reviewed every 10 years.

21 (c) The commission shall consult with the office of the  
22 governor in determining whether a state agency is responsible for  
23 administering, implementing, or enforcing a multistate compact,  
24 reciprocity agreement, or other similar agreement to which this  
25 state is a party.

26 (d) Not later than the 90th day after the date the state  
27 enters into a multistate compact, reciprocity agreement, or other

similar agreement, the commission shall identify the state agency responsible for administering, implementing, or enforcing the compact or other agreement. If the compact or other agreement is not administered, implemented, or enforced by a state agency or the state agency that implements, administers, or enforces the compact or agreement is not subject to review under this chapter, the commission shall add the compact or agreement to the review schedule under Subsection (b).

(e) The commission shall publish on the commission's Internet website a list of each multistate compact, reciprocity agreement, or other similar agreement to which this state is a party, including:

(1) the state agency responsible for administering, implementing, or enforcing the compact or agreement and the year the state agency will be reviewed under this chapter; or

(2) the year the compact or other agreement will be reviewed under the schedule required by Subsection (b).

(f) Not later than January 1, 2026, the commission shall review each multistate compact, reciprocity agreement, or other similar agreement to which this state is a party and identify the state agency that is responsible for administering, implementing, or enforcing the compact or agreement. If the commission determines there is no state agency responsible for administering, implementing, or enforcing a compact or agreement, or that a compact or agreement is administered, implemented, or enforced by a state agency that is not subject to review under this chapter, the commission shall include the compact or agreement in the review



1 schedule required by Subsection (b). This subsection expires  
2 September 1, 2027.

3 ARTICLE 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 SECTION 6.01. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
5 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
6 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
7 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
8 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.