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H.B. No. 2807

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the statewide intellectual and developmental disability coordinating council.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle I, Title 4, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 547B to read as follows:

CHAPTER 547B. STATEWIDE INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY
COORDINATING COUNCIL

Sec. 547B.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "council" means the statewide intellectual and developmental disability coordinating council.

Sec. 547B.002. PURPOSES. The council is established to:

(1) support state agency coordination and collaboration regarding services and supports for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability residing in this state and to develop, implement, and maintain a strategic plan for that purpose;

(2) enhance the quality of life for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability by promoting cross-agency collaboration, reducing fragmentation of services, improving system navigation, and identifying and addressing service gaps as individuals transition across agencies and through life stages; and

(3) ensure agencies align resources and strategies to

1 serve individuals with an intellectual or developmental
2 disability.

3 Sec. 547B.003. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. (a) The council is
4 composed of the following members:

5 (1) subject to Subsection (b), one or more
6 representatives designated by each of the following entities:

7 (A) the Department of State Health Services;

8 (B) the Department of Family and Protective
9 Services;

10 (C) the Texas Workforce Commission;

11 (D) the Texas Education Agency;

12 (E) the Texas Center for Disability Studies at
13 The University of Texas at Austin;

14 (F) the Center on Disability and Development at
15 Texas A&M University;

16 (G) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

17 (H) the Commission on Jail Standards; and

18 (I) the advisory council on postsecondary
19 education for persons with intellectual and developmental
20 disabilities established under Section [61.06641](#), Education Code;
21 and

22 (2) the following members appointed by the executive
23 commissioner:

24 (A) a representative of a local intellectual and
25 developmental disability authority as defined by Section [531.002](#),
26 Health and Safety Code;

27 (B) a representative of the Governor's Committee

on People with Disabilities;

(C) a representative of the Texas Council for
Developmental Disabilities;

(D) a representative of the Arc of Texas;

(E) a representative of a managed care
organization;

(F) a provider of Medicaid long-term services and
supports;

(G) an individual or family member of an
individual with an intellectual or developmental disability
receiving home and community-based services, including under the
home and community-based services (HCS) waiver program;

(H) an individual or family member of an
individual with an intellectual or developmental disability
residing in a private intermediate care facility for individuals
with an intellectual disability licensed under Chapter 252, Health
and Safety Code;

(I) an individual or family member of an
individual with an intellectual or developmental disability
residing in a state supported living center, as defined by Section
531.002, Health and Safety Code;

(J) a representative of the commission's office
of the ombudsman;

(K) representatives of the commission, with one
representative appointed from each division of the commission with
responsibility for:

(i) Medicaid and the Children's Health

Insurance Program services;

(ii) intellectual and developmental disability behavioral health services;

(iii) health and specialty care system employment;

(iv) health, developmental, and independence services; and

(v) access and eligibility services;

(L) a physician;

(M) a representative of an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, that educates or trains individuals who are part of the workforce that serves individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability;

(N) a representative with expertise in providing services to individuals with a co-occurring intellectual or developmental disability and a mental health condition;

(O) a representative with expertise in providing to individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability services under the Texas home living (TxHmL) or home and community-based services (HCS) waiver program or in an intermediate care facility licensed under Chapter 252, Health and Safety Code; and

(P) any additional members as the executive commissioner determines appropriate who are recognized experts serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or who represent the interests of individuals with

1 intellectual and developmental disabilities.

2 (b) The executive commissioner shall determine the number
3 of representatives that each entity may designate under Subsection
4 (a)(1) to serve on the council.

5 (c) The council may authorize another state agency or
6 institution that provides specific intellectual and developmental
7 disability services with the use of money appropriated by this
8 state to designate a representative to the council.

9 (d) A council member serves at the pleasure of the
10 designating entity.

11 (e) Chapter 2110 does not apply to the composition of the
12 council.

13 Sec. 547B.004. PRESIDING OFFICER; TERMS; VACANCY. (a) The
14 executive commissioner shall designate a member of the council to
15 serve as the presiding officer.

16 (b) Council members serve three-year terms.

17 (c) The appropriate authority shall fill a vacancy on the
18 council in the same manner as the original designation or
19 appointment.

20 (d) A council member designated or appointed to fill a
21 vacancy holds the office for the unexpired portion of the term.

22 Sec. 547B.005. MEETINGS. The council shall meet at least
23 once quarterly or more frequently at the call of the presiding
24 officer.

25 Sec. 547B.006. DUTIES. The council:

26 (1) shall, in accordance with Section 547B.007:

27 (A) develop a recurring five-year statewide

intellectual and developmental disability strategic plan and monitor the implementation of the plan; and

(B) submit the strategic plan to the executive commissioner and the administrative head of each agency subject to the plan;

(2) shall develop and, not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, submit to the legislature a biennial coordinated statewide intellectual and developmental disability expenditure proposal;

(3) shall annually publish an updated inventory of state-funded intellectual and developmental disability programs and services that includes:

(A) a description of the manner in which those programs and services further the purpose of the statewide intellectual and developmental disability strategic plan; and

(B) an estimate of the number of individuals waiting for or interested in receiving those programs and services;

(4) shall annually identify and evaluate state and federal funding sources available to provide services for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability; and

(5) may facilitate opportunities to increase collaboration for the effective expenditure of available federal and state funds for intellectual and developmental disability services in this state.

Sec. 547B.007. RECURRING FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS. (a) Not later than March 1 of the last state fiscal year in each five-year period covered by the most

1 recent strategic plan required under Section 547B.006(1), the
2 council shall:

3 (1) develop a new strategic plan for the next five
4 state fiscal years that begins with the following fiscal year; and

5 (2) submit the new strategic plan to the executive
6 commissioner and the administrative head of each agency subject to
7 the strategic plan.

8 (b) The new strategic plan the council develops under
9 Subsection (a)(1) may:

10 (1) identify key transition points at which
11 individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability may
12 experience service gaps between state agencies or programs;

13 (2) study and make recommendations to improve systems
14 interoperability and data sharing between state agencies serving
15 individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability;

16 (3) identify and promote best practices for
17 cross-agency coordination at key life transition points, including
18 from early childhood to school age, school to adulthood, and other
19 aging-related transitions;

20 (4) review and make recommendations regarding the
21 development, training, and retention of individuals who are part of
22 the state agency and service workforce that serves individuals with
23 an intellectual or developmental disability;

24 (5) evaluate and make recommendations to address the
25 specific needs of individuals with a co-occurring intellectual or
26 developmental disability and a mental health condition;

27 (6) examine systems of care for individuals with an

intellectual or developmental disability and include in the plan strategies to improve the coordination of publicly funded services and supports throughout those individuals' lives; and

(7) address coordination among state agencies and local governments, as applicable, responsible for program and policy development or oversight of programs providing:

(A) medical services;

(B) long-term services and supports;

(C) public benefit programs;

(D) public education;

(E) higher education;

(F) housing;

(G) employment services;

(H) mental health services;

(I) hospital services; and

(J) criminal justice systems.

(c) The council shall review and consider any existing strategic plans related to services for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability in development of the strategic plan under Subsection (a)(1).

(d) Not later than the 90th day after receiving the strategic plan required under Section 547B.006(1), the executive commissioner and the administrative head of each agency that is subject to the plan shall develop and submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the legislature a plan for implementing the recommendations applicable to the agency under the strategic plan. An implementation plan must include a justification for any

1 recommendation the commission or other agency declines to
2 implement.

3 Sec. 547B.008. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The council is
4 subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). The council shall be
5 reviewed during the period in which the commission is reviewed
6 under Section 523.0003. Unless continued in existence as provided
7 by Chapter 325, the council is abolished and this chapter expires on
8 the date on which the commission is subject to abolishment under
9 that section.

10 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 31, 2026, the
11 appropriate authorities shall designate or appoint, as applicable,
12 members to the statewide intellectual and developmental disability
13 coordinating council as required by Section 547B.003(a),
14 Government Code, as added by this Act.

15 (b) Not later than March 1, 2026, the statewide intellectual
16 and developmental disability coordinating council established
17 under Chapter 547B, Government Code, as added by this Act, shall
18 hold the council's initial meeting.

19 (c) Not later than March 1, 2027, the statewide intellectual
20 and developmental disability coordinating council shall prepare
21 the initial strategic plan required by Section 547B.006(1),
22 Government Code, as added by this Act.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.