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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4666:

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to certain reports required to be prepared or submitted by
- 3 or in collaboration with the Health and Human Services Commission.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 523.0154, Government
- 6 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 523.0154. DATA ANALYSIS UNIT; ANNUAL REPORTS
- 8 [<del>QUARTERLY UPDATE</del>].
- 9 SECTION 2. Section 523.0154(d), Government Code, is amended
- 10 to read as follows:
- 11 (d) Not later than December 1 of each year [the 30th day
- 12 following the end of each calendar quarter], the data analysis unit
- 13 shall provide:
- 14 (1) a report [an update] on the unit's activities and
- 15 findings to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the Legislative
- 16 Budget Board, the speaker of the house of representatives, the
- 17 chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the chair of the House
- 18 Appropriations Committee, and the chairs of the standing committees
- 19 of the senate and house of representatives having jurisdiction over
- 20 Medicaid; and
- 21 (2) a report of any anomalies identified by the unit
- 22 under Subsection (a)(3) to the commission's office of the inspector
- 23 general.
- SECTION 3. The heading to Section 532.0453, Government

- 1 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 532.0453. CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN
- 3 INTERVENTIONS AND BEST PRACTICES BY PROVIDERS; BIENNIAL
- 4 [SEMIANNUAL] REPORT.
- 5 SECTION 4. Section 532.0453(b), Government Code, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (b) Each even-numbered year, the [The] commission shall
- 8 [semiannually] prepare and submit to the legislature a report that
- 9 contains a summary of the commission's efforts under this section
- 10 and Section 532.0451(b).
- 11 SECTION 5. Section 542.0054, Government Code, is amended to
- 12 read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 542.0054. BIENNIAL [ANNUAL] REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.
- 14 (a) Not later than September 30 of each even-numbered year, the
- 15 commission, in collaboration with the advisory committee, shall
- 16 prepare and submit to the legislature a report that includes:
- 17 (1) an assessment of the implementation of the system
- 18 required by this chapter, including appropriate information
- 19 regarding the provision of acute care services and long-term
- 20 services and supports to individuals with an intellectual or
- 21 developmental disability under Medicaid;
- 22 (2) recommendations regarding implementation of and
- 23 improvements to the system redesign, including recommendations
- 24 regarding appropriate statutory changes to facilitate the
- 25 implementation; and
- 26 (3) an assessment of the effect of the system on:
- 27 (A) access to long-term services and supports;

- 1 (B) the quality of acute care services and
- 2 long-term services and supports;
- 3 (C) meaningful outcomes for Medicaid recipients
- 4 using person-centered planning, individualized budgeting, and
- 5 self-determination, including an individual's inclusion in the
- 6 community;
- 7 (D) the integration of service coordination of
- 8 acute care services and long-term services and supports;
- 9 (E) the efficiency and use of funding;
- 10 (F) the placement of individuals in housing that
- 11 is the least restrictive setting appropriate to an individual's
- 12 needs;
- (G) employment assistance and customized,
- 14 integrated, competitive employment options; and
- 15 (H) the number and types of fair hearing and
- 16 appeals processes in accordance with federal law.
- 17 (b) This section expires on the second anniversary of the
- 18 date the commission completes implementation of the transition
- 19 required under Section 542.0201.
- SECTION 6. Sections 542.0119(a) and (b), Government Code,
- 21 are amended to read as follows:
- 22 (a) The commission, in collaboration with the advisory
- 23 committee and pilot program work group, shall review and evaluate
- 24 the progress and outcomes of the pilot program and submit, as part
- of the [annual] report required under Section 542.0054, a report on
- 26 the pilot program's status that includes recommendations for
- 27 improving the pilot program.

- 1 (b) Not later than September 1, 2026, the commission, in
- 2 collaboration with the advisory committee and pilot program work
- 3 group, shall prepare and submit to the legislature a written report
- 4 that evaluates the pilot program based on a comprehensive
- 5 analysis. The analysis must:
- 6 (1) assess the effect of the pilot program on:
- 7 (A) access to and quality of long-term services
- 8 and supports;
- 9 (B) informed choice and meaningful outcomes
- 10 using person-centered planning, flexible consumer-directed
- 11 services, individualized budgeting, and self-determination,
- 12 including a pilot program participant's inclusion in the community;
- 13 (C) the integration of service coordination of
- 14 acute care services and long-term services and supports;
- 15 (D) employment assistance and customized,
- 16 integrated, competitive employment options;
- 17 (E) the number, types, and dispositions of fair
- 18 hearings and appeals in accordance with federal and state law;
- 19 (F) increasing the use and flexibility of the
- 20 consumer direction model;
- 21 (G) increasing the use of alternatives to
- 22 guardianship, including supported decision-making agreements as
- 23 defined by Section 1357.002, Estates Code;
- 24 (H) achieving the best and most cost-effective
- 25 funding use based on a pilot program participant's needs and
- 26 preferences; and
- 27 (I) attendant recruitment and retention;

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- 1 (2) analyze the experiences and outcomes of the
- 2 following systems changes:
- 3 (A) the comprehensive assessment instrument
- 4 described by Section 533A.0335, Health and Safety Code;
- 5 (B) the 21st Century Cures Act (Pub. L.
- 6 No. 114-255);
- 7 (C) implementation of the federal rule adopted by
- 8 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and published at 79
- 9 Fed. Reg. 2948 (January 16, 2014) related to the provision of
- 10 long-term services and supports through a home and community-based
- 11 services (HCS) waiver program under Section 1915(c), 1915(i), or
- 12 1915(k) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396n(c),
- 13 (i), or (k));
- 14 (D) the provision of basic attendant and
- 15 habilitation services under Section 542.0152; and
- 16 (E) the benefits of providing STAR+PLUS Medicaid
- 17 managed care services to individuals based on functional needs;
- 18 (3) include feedback on the pilot program based on the
- 19 personal experiences of:
- 20 (A) individuals with an intellectual or
- 21 developmental disability and individuals with similar functional
- 22 needs who were pilot program participants;
- 23 (B) families of and other persons actively
- 24 involved in the lives of individuals described by Paragraph (A);
- 25 and
- 26 (C) comprehensive long-term services and
- 27 supports providers who delivered services under the pilot program;

- 1 (4) be incorporated in the [annual] report required
- 2 under Section 542.0054; and
- 3 (5) include recommendations on:
- 4 (A) a system of programs and services for the
- 5 legislature's consideration;
- 6 (B) necessary statutory changes; and
- 7 (C) whether to implement the pilot program
- 8 statewide under the STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care program for
- 9 eligible individuals.
- SECTION 7. Section 542.0151(b), Government Code, is amended
- 11 to read as follows:
- 12 (b) The commission, in collaboration with the advisory
- 13 committee, shall analyze the outcomes of providing acute care
- 14 Medicaid benefits to individuals with an intellectual or
- 15 developmental disability under a model described by Subsection
- 16 (a). The analysis must:
- 17 (1) include an assessment of the effects of the
- 18 delivery model on:
- 19 (A) access to and quality of acute care services;
- 20 and
- (B) the number and types of fair hearing and
- 22 appeals processes in accordance with federal law;
- 23 (2) be incorporated into the [annual] report to the
- 24 legislature required under Section 542.0054; and
- 25 (3) include recommendations for delivery model
- 26 improvements and implementation for the legislature's
- 27 consideration, including recommendations for needed statutory

- 1 changes.
- 2 SECTION 8. Section 543A.0003(a), Government Code, is
- 3 amended to read as follows:
- 4 (a) The commission shall include aggregate, nonidentifying
- 5 data collected using the quality-based outcome measure described by
- 6 Section 543A.0002(b) in the [annual] report required by Section
- 7 543A.0008. The commission may include the data in any other report
- 8 required by this chapter.
- 9 SECTION 9. The heading of Section 543A.0008, Government
- 10 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 543A.0008. BIENNIAL [ANNUAL] REPORT.
- 12 SECTION 10. Section 543A.0008(a), Government Code, is
- 13 amended to read as follows:
- 14 (a) The commission shall submit to the legislature and make
- 15 available to the public <u>in each even-numbered year a</u> [an annual]
- 16 report on:
- 17 (1) the quality-based outcome and process measures
- 18 developed under Sections [Section] 543A.0002 and 543A.0003,
- 19 including measures based on each potentially preventable event; and
- 20 (2) the progress of implementing quality-based
- 21 payment systems  $\underline{\text{under Section } 543\text{A.}0004}$  and other payment
- 22 initiatives under this chapter.
- 23 SECTION 11. If before implementing any provision of this
- 24 Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
- 25 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
- 26 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
- 27 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the

- 1 waiver or authorization is granted.
- 2 SECTION 12. This Act takes effect immediately if it
- 3 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
- 4 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
- 5 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
- 6 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.