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S.B. No. 1594

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to renaming the Sunset Advisory Commission as the Sunset
Legislative Initiative for Cost Efficiency Advisory Commission and
the duties of that commission.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 325, Government Code, is
amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 325. SUNSET LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FOR COST EFFICIENCY
(SLICE) LAW

SECTION 2. Section 325.001, Government Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 325.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the
Texas Sunset Legislative Initiative for Cost Efficiency (SLICE)
Act.

SECTION 3. Section 325.002(3), Government Code, is amended
to read as follows:

(3) "Commission" means the Sunset Legislative
Initiative for Cost Efficiency Advisory Commission.

SECTION 4. The heading to Section 325.003, Government Code,
is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 325.003. SUNSET LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FOR COST
EFFICIENCY ADVISORY COMMISSION.

SECTION 5. Section 325.003(a), Government Code, is amended
to read as follows:

1 (a) The Sunset Legislative Initiative for Cost Efficiency
2 Advisory Commission is a legislative agency that consists of five
3 members of the senate and one public member appointed by the
4 lieutenant governor and five members of the house of
5 representatives and one public member appointed by the speaker of
6 the house. The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house may
7 serve as one of the legislative appointees.

8 SECTION 6. Chapter 325, Government Code, is amended by
9 adding Section 325.0035 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 325.0035. REFERENCES IN LAW. (a) A reference in law
11 to the Sunset Advisory Commission is a reference to the Sunset
12 Legislative Initiative for Cost Efficiency Advisory Commission.

13 (b) A reference in law to the Texas Sunset Act is a reference
14 to the Texas Sunset Legislative Initiative for Cost Efficiency
15 (SLICE) Act.

16 SECTION 7. Section 325.011, Government Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 325.011. CRITERIA FOR REVIEW. The commission and its
19 staff shall consider the following criteria in determining whether
20 a public need exists for the continuation of a state agency or its
21 advisory committees or for the performance of the functions of the
22 agency or its advisory committees:

23 (1) the efficiency and effectiveness with which the
24 agency or the advisory committee operates, including:

25 (A) an assessment of efficiency in delivering
26 programs and services to entities and other persons; and

27 (B) an assessment of appropriated funds and

1 spending to determine potential spending efficiencies and identify
2 waste in the delivery of programs and services;

3 (2)(A) an identification of the mission, goals, and
4 objectives intended for the agency or advisory committee and of the
5 problem or need that the agency or advisory committee was intended
6 to address; and

7 (B) the extent to which the mission, goals, and
8 objectives have been achieved and the problem or need has been
9 addressed;

10 (3)(A) an identification of any activities of the
11 agency in addition to those granted by statute and of the authority
12 for those activities; and

13 (B) the extent to which those activities are
14 needed;

15 (4) an assessment of authority of the agency relating
16 to fees, inspections, enforcement, and penalties;

17 (5) whether less restrictive or alternative methods of
18 performing any function that the agency performs could adequately
19 protect or provide service to the public;

20 (6) the extent to which the jurisdiction of the agency
21 and the programs administered by the agency overlap or duplicate
22 those of other agencies, the extent to which the agency coordinates
23 with those agencies, and the extent to which the programs
24 administered by the agency can be consolidated with the programs of
25 other state agencies;

26 (7) the promptness and effectiveness with which the
27 agency addresses complaints concerning entities or other persons

1 affected by the agency, including an assessment of the agency's
2 administrative hearings process;

3 (8) an assessment of the agency's rulemaking process
4 and the extent to which the agency has encouraged participation by
5 the public in making its rules and decisions and the extent to which
6 the public participation has resulted in rules that benefit the
7 public;

8 (9) the extent to which the agency has complied with:

9 (A) federal and state laws and applicable rules
10 regarding equality of employment opportunity and the rights and
11 privacy of individuals; and

12 (B) state law and applicable rules of any state
13 agency regarding purchasing guidelines and programs for
14 historically underutilized businesses;

15 (10) the extent to which the agency issues and
16 enforces rules relating to potential conflicts of interest of its
17 employees;

18 (11) the extent to which the agency complies with
19 Chapters 551 and 552 and follows records management practices that
20 enable the agency to respond efficiently to requests for public
21 information;

22 (12) the effect of federal intervention or loss of
23 federal funds if the agency is abolished;

24 (13) the extent to which the purpose and effectiveness
25 of reporting requirements imposed on the agency justifies the
26 continuation of the requirement; and

27 (14) an assessment of the agency's cybersecurity

1 practices using confidential information available from the
2 Department of Information Resources or any other appropriate state
3 agency.

4 SECTION 8. (a) Effective January 1, 2026:

5 (1) the name of the Sunset Advisory Commission is
6 changed to the Sunset Legislative Initiative for Cost Efficiency
7 Advisory Commission, and all powers, duties, rights, and
8 obligations of the Sunset Advisory Commission are the powers,
9 duties, rights, and obligations of the Sunset Legislative
10 Initiative for Cost Efficiency Advisory Commission;

11 (2) a member of the Sunset Advisory Commission is a
12 member of the Sunset Legislative Initiative for Cost Efficiency
13 Advisory Commission; and

14 (3) any appropriation to the Sunset Advisory
15 Commission is an appropriation to the Sunset Legislative Initiative
16 for Cost Efficiency Advisory Commission.

17 (b) Effective January 1, 2026, a reference in law to the
18 Sunset Advisory Commission is a reference to the Sunset Legislative
19 Initiative for Cost Efficiency Advisory Commission.

20 (c) The Sunset Legislative Initiative for Cost Efficiency
21 Advisory Commission is the successor to the Sunset Advisory
22 Commission in all respects. All personnel, equipment, data,
23 documents, facilities, contracts, items, other property, rules,
24 decisions, and proceedings of or involving the Sunset Advisory
25 Commission are unaffected by the change in the name of the
26 commission.

27 (d) The Sunset Advisory Commission shall adopt a timetable

1 for phasing in the change of the commission's name so as to minimize
2 the fiscal impact of the name change. Until January 1, 2026, to
3 allow for phasing in the change of the commission's name and in
4 accordance with the timetable established as required by this
5 section, the commission may perform any act authorized by law for
6 the Sunset Advisory Commission as the Sunset Advisory Commission or
7 as the Sunset Legislative Initiative for Cost Efficiency Advisory
8 Commission. Any act of the Sunset Advisory Commission acting as the
9 Sunset Legislative Initiative for Cost Efficiency Advisory
10 Commission on or after the effective date of this Act and before
11 January 1, 2026, is an act of the Sunset Advisory Commission.

12 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.