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Foreword

Between 1997 and 2003, the Texas Legislative Council publication *Summary of Enactments* included a table to indicate statutory state agencies, interagency panels, advisory committees, and other state governmental entities that were created, restructured, or eliminated by the legislature. *New, Renamed, and Abolished State Governmental Entities* replaced the table in 2005 with an expanded format that provides more information about the affected entities and their functions and composition. An index at the end of this publication provides an opportunity to search for the entities by subject area. The index is preceded by an appendix that addresses entities affected by the passage of Senate Bill 219, which clarified and updated statutory provisions relating to the provision of health and human services in the state.

The **New Entities** section provides information on each of the 47 entities created by the 84th Legislature. Some of these new entities are tied to the abolishment of another entity. In such instances, a reference to the corresponding entity is included.

The **Renamed Entities** section provides information on each of the six entities renamed by the 84th Legislature, including whether an entity's function and composition were unchanged or revised.

The **Abolished Entities** section provides information on each of the 62 entities that were abolished or that were discontinued because the statute creating it was repealed by the 84th Legislature. If the function of the entity was transferred to an already existing entity, that is noted. If the function was assigned to a new entity described in the New Entities section, a reference to the corresponding entity is included.

For each entity included in the publication, the following information is provided:

Name—The name of the entity as it appears in the enabling legislation or a descriptive phrase for the entity. If the entity advises or is administratively attached to a state agency, or if a state agency appoints members or provides staff support to the entity, that agency's name appears in parentheses. For an entity that has been renamed, the previous name is indicated. For an abolished entity, if its function is transferred, the entity that assumes that function is also named.

Legislation—The bill and specific bill sections that contain provisions creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity and that may contain other information, such as the function and composition.

Effective/Abolished—The date the provision creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity becomes effective. If creation of the entity is authorized instead of mandated, that is noted. All bills were enacted during the regular session of the legislature unless otherwise noted.

Function—Powers and duties of the entity. For entities that have been renamed, if the function has been revised, a brief explanation of the change is provided. Information about the transfer of the function to another entity is included if applicable.

Composition—Membership information for the entity, including the number of members, appointment criteria, and terms of office. Information about the designation or selection of the presiding officer is included if that information is in the bill. If the composition of a renamed entity has been changed, a brief explanation of the change is provided.

Expiration Date—When applicable, the sunset date or other expiration date included in the legislation creating a new entity or in the enabling statute for a renamed entity. Section 2110.008, Government Code, relating to the duration of advisory bodies, may be applicable to certain entities.

New Entities

ABLE Program Advisory Committee (Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1664](#), Sections 2 and 5

Effective: June 19, 2015

Function:

- Reviews rules and procedures related to the Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program
- Provides guidance, suggests changes, and makes recommendations for the administration of the program
- Provides assistance as needed to the Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board and comptroller of public accounts during the creation of the program

Composition (5-7 members): The comptroller appoints at least five and not more than seven members to the advisory committee, including at least one member from each of the following groups:

- Persons with a disability who qualify for the program
- Family members of a person with a disability who qualifies for the program
- Representatives of disability advocacy organizations
- Representatives of the financial community

The comptroller appoints a presiding officer.

Expiration Date: December 1, 2019

Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs (Office of the Governor)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 459](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Advises the governor's office on setting policy priorities that address and raise public awareness of major issues affecting Texas due to the rapid growth of the state's Hispanic population and other issues resulting from changes in demographics in Texas as determined by the governor

- Studies and makes recommendations relating to the effect of the changing demographics of Texas on the economy, the workplace, educational attainment, health, veterans affairs, and political leadership in Texas
- Not later than October 1 of each even-numbered year, submits a report of the council's recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house

Composition (9 members total):

- 1 ex officio member of the legislature appointed by the speaker of the house
- 1 ex officio member of the legislature appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 7 members appointed by the governor

Members appointed by the speaker of the house and the lieutenant governor serve two-year terms. Members appointed by the governor serve four-year staggered terms, with either three or four members' terms expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year. In making appointments to the council, the appointing officials must attempt to achieve representation of all areas of the state. The governor designates the chair and vice chair of the council from among the members of the council.

Commission to Study Non-Criminal Penal Laws

Legislation: [House Bill 1396](#), Section 29

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Studies, evaluates, and reviews all state penal laws, other than criminal offenses under the Penal Code, under the Texas Controlled Substances Act, or related to the operation of a motor vehicle
- Makes recommendations to the legislature regarding the repeal of laws that are identified as being unnecessary, unclear, duplicative, overly broad, or otherwise insufficient to serve the intended purpose of the law
- Not later than November 1, 2016, submits a report on the commission's findings and recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, the Supreme Court of Texas, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and the standing committees of the house and the senate with primary jurisdiction over criminal justice

Composition (9 members total):

- 2 members appointed by the governor
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house
- 2 members appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas

- 1 member appointed by the presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

The governor designates one member of the commission to serve as the presiding officer. The officials making appointments to the commission must ensure that the membership includes representatives of all areas of the criminal justice system, including prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, legal scholars, and relevant business interests.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2016

Dietitians Advisory Board

(Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Sections 1.191-1.197. The new entity is established in Subchapter B, Chapter 701, Occupations Code, which contains revised language relating to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Dietitians, which was abolished by Senate Bill 202.

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function: Provides advice and recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) on technical matters relevant to the administration of the Licensed Dietitian Act

Composition (9 members total):

- 6 licensed dietitian members, each of whom has been licensed for not less than three years before the member's date of appointment
- 3 public members

The presiding officer of TDLR, with the approval of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, appoints the members of the board. Members serve staggered six-year terms with the terms of three members beginning on September 1 of each odd-numbered year. In appointing members, the presiding officer of TDLR must attempt to maintain a balanced representation among specified primary areas of expertise included in the professional discipline of dietetics. The presiding officer of TDLR designates a member of the advisory board as the presiding officer of the advisory board to serve a one-year term. The presiding officer of the advisory board may vote on any matter before the advisory board.

See also [Texas State Board of Examiners of Dieticians](#) in the Abolished Entities section.

Driver and Traffic Safety Education Advisory Committee

(Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Legislation: [House Bill 1786](#), Sections 13 and 72

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function: Advises the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on rules and educational and technical matters relevant to driver and traffic safety education

Composition (11 members total): Members are appointed by the presiding officer of the commission, with the approval of the commission, as follows:

- 1 member representing a driver education school that offers a traditional classroom course and in-car training
- 1 member representing a driver education school that offers a traditional classroom course, alternative methods of instruction, or in-car training
- 1 member representing a driving safety school offering a traditional classroom course or providing an alternative method of instruction
- 1 member representing a driving safety course provider approved for a traditional classroom course and for an alternative method of instruction
- 1 member representing a driving safety course provider approved for a traditional classroom course or for an alternative method of instruction
- 1 licensed instructor
- 1 representative of the Department of Public Safety
- 1 member representing a drug and alcohol driving awareness program course provider
- 1 member representing a parent-taught course provider
- 2 members representing the public

Members are appointed for staggered six-year terms but may not serve two consecutive full terms. The presiding officer of the commission appoints the presiding officer of the advisory committee, who may vote on any matter before the advisory committee.

Economic Incentive Oversight Board

Legislation: [House Bill 26](#), Article 2, Section 2.01

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Examines the effectiveness and efficiency of certain state incentive programs and funds administered by the office of the governor, the comptroller of public accounts, or the Department of Agriculture (TDA) that award to business entities and other persons state monetary or tax incentives for which the governor, comptroller, or TDA has discretion in determining whether or not to award the incentives
- Develops a schedule for the periodic review of each applicable state incentive program or fund to make recommendations on whether to continue the program or fund or whether to improve program or fund effectiveness and efficiency
- May recommend to the legislative audit committee that an audit of a program or fund be included in the annual audit plan conducted by the State Auditor's Office

- Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, submits a report to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and each standing committee of the senate and house with primary jurisdiction over economic development containing findings and recommendations resulting from each review of state incentive programs and funds conducted by the board during the preceding two calendar years

Composition (9 members total):

- 2 public members appointed by the speaker of the house, one of whom must be from a rural county
- 2 public members appointed by the lieutenant governor, one of whom must be from a rural county
- 2 public members appointed by the comptroller of public accounts
- 3 public members appointed by the governor

In appointing members of the board, each appointing officer must appoint one member with expertise in the area of economic development. The governor appoints the presiding officer of the board.

Epinephrine Auto-Injectors in Schools Advisory Committee (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 66](#), Section 2

Effective: May 28, 2015

Function:

- Examines and reviews the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors to a person experiencing an anaphylactic reaction on a campus of a school district or an open-enrollment charter school
- Advises the commissioner of state health services on the storage and maintenance of epinephrine auto-injectors on school campuses, the training of school personnel and school volunteers in the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector, and a plan for one or more school personnel members or school volunteers trained in the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector to be on each school campus

Composition (unspecified number of members): The advisory committee is composed of members appointed by the commissioner of state health services. In making appointments, the commissioner must ensure that a majority of the members are physicians with expertise in treating anaphylaxis, including physicians who specialize in the fields of pediatrics, allergies, asthma, and immunology, and that at least one member is a registered nurse employed by a school district or open-enrollment charter school as a school nurse. The advisory committee elects a presiding officer.

Forensic Mental Health Services Work Group (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1507](#), Sections 1 and 4

Effective: May 28, 2015

Function:

- Makes recommendations concerning the creation of a comprehensive plan for the effective coordination of forensic services
- Not later than July 1, 2016, sends a report, describing the work group's recommendations to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the standing committees of the senate and the house with primary jurisdiction over forensic services

Composition (at least 9 members): The commissioner of state health services selects the total number of members at the time the commissioner establishes the work group. The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission appoints as members of the work group:

- 1 representative of the Department of State Health Services
- 1 representative of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- 1 representative of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department
- 1 representative of the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments
- 1 representative of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas
- 1 superintendent of a state hospital with a maximum security forensic unit
- 1 representative of a local mental health authority
- 1 representative of the protection and advocacy system of the state, appointed by the administrative head of that system
- Additional members as needed to comply with the number of members selected by the commissioner of state health services, who must be recognized experts in forensic patients or persons who represent the interests of forensic patients, and who may be advocates, family members, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, psychiatric nurses, or representatives of a hospital licensed under the Texas Hospital Licensing Law or a mental hospital licensed by the Department of State Health Services

Expiration Date: November 1, 2019

Governor's University Research Initiative Advisory Board (Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office)

Legislation: [House Bill 7](#), Section 11

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Assists the office of the governor with the review and evaluation of applications submitted by eligible institutions of higher education for funding of grant proposals regarding financial assistance from the governor's university research initiative fund for the recruitment of distinguished researchers
- Makes timely recommendations to the office for approval or disapproval of those applications

Composition (at least 9 members): The advisory board's members are appointed by the governor. As nearly as possible, one-third of the members must have a background in finance, one-third must have an academic background in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics, and one-third must be public members.

Health and Human Services Commission Executive Council (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 1.03

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Advises the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) regarding the operation of HHSC
- Seeks and receives public comment on proposed rules, recommendations of advisory committees, legislative appropriations requests or other documents related to the appropriations process, the operation of health and human services programs, and other items the executive commissioner determines appropriate

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- The executive commissioner of HHSC, who serves as council chair
- The director of each division of HHSC
- The commissioner of a health and human services agency
- Other individuals appointed by the executive commissioner as the executive commissioner determines necessary

To the extent the executive commissioner appoints members to the council, the executive commissioner must make every effort to ensure that those appointments result in a council membership that includes a balanced representation of a broad range of health

and human services industry and consumer interests and representation from broad geographic regions of Texas.

Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Sections 1.01 and 1.10

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Facilitates the transfer of functions resulting from the consolidation of the health and human services system in general, the transfer of certain functions to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), and the transfer and consolidation of certain administrative support services functions
- With assistance from HHSC and the state agencies and entities whose functions are transferred, advises the executive commissioner of HHSC concerning the functions to be transferred and the funds and obligations that are related to the functions; the transfer of the functions and related records, property, funds, and obligations by the affected state agencies and entities; and any required reorganization of HHSC's administrative structure
- Submits a report, not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the legislature containing an update on the progress of and issues related to the transfer and consolidation of functions and the reorganization of HHSC's administrative structure
- Reviews the report and recommendation resulting from the executive commissioner's study on the need to continue the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Department of State Health Services as state agencies separate from HHSC and, not later than December 1, 2018, submits a report and recommendation to the legislature regarding such continuation

Composition (11 members total):

- 4 state senators, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 4 state representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
- 3 public members, appointed by the governor

The executive commissioner of HHSC serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the committee. The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house must each designate a presiding co-chair from among their respective appointments.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2023

Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers Advisory Board (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Sections 1.082-1.088. The new entity is established in Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Occupations Code, which contains revised language relating to the State Committee of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments, which was abolished by Senate Bill 202.

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function: Provides advice and recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) on technical matters relevant to the regulation of hearing instrument fitters and dispensers

Composition (9 members total): Members are appointed by the presiding officer of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, with the commission's approval, as follows:

- 6 members licensed as hearing instrument fitters and dispensers who have been Texas residents actually engaged in fitting and dispensing hearing instruments for at least five years preceding appointment, not more than one of whom may be licensed as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist
- 1 member who is actively practicing as a physician licensed by the Texas Medical Board and who has been a Texas resident for at least two years preceding appointment, is a citizen of the United States, and specializes in the practice of otolaryngology
- 2 public members

Members serve staggered six-year terms with the terms of three members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The presiding officer of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation designates a member to serve as the presiding officer for a term of one year.

See also [State Committee of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments](#) in the [Abolished Entities](#) section.

House Select Committee on State Real Property Data Collection, Reporting, and Assessment

Legislation: [House Bill 3750](#), Section 2

Effective: June 19, 2015

Function:

- Studies, separately or jointly with the Senate Select Committee on State Real Property Data Collection, Reporting, and Assessment:
 - the potential benefits of maintaining a comprehensive database of all real property owned by the state

- the potential financial loss to the state that could result from the state owning uninsured and underinsured real property
- any efficiencies or cost savings potentially achieved by requiring the General Land Office to submit an annual real property evaluation report to the Texas Department of Transportation, the Employees Retirement System of Texas, and the Teacher Retirement System of Texas
- the potential benefits or burdens, including administrative burdens, of requiring each state agency and institution of higher education to report information on the real property it possesses, at the same time and in a uniform manner, to a single entity, and how often the information should be reported
- which state agency is best suited to collect information on all real property owned by the state and the appropriate method for collecting this information
- the information that is currently reported by state agencies and institutions of higher education regarding real property of which agencies and institutions have charge and control
- the distinction between state agencies and institutions of higher education that report information on real property owned by the state as compared to state agencies and institutions of higher education that collect information for a report on real property owned by the state
- information determined by the Legislative Budget Board as necessary for the State Office of Risk Management (SORM) to conduct an insurable state asset study to develop a statewide strategy that will ensure all real property owned by the state is adequately insured
- how often SORM should submit an insurable state asset study to the legislature
- the results of an appraisal of all or part of the Capitol Complex and the potential loss to the state by inadequately insuring the Capitol Complex
- other potential ways to ensure that the state is able to identify, track, and maintain a database of the location, condition, and replacement value of all real property owned by the state
- Adopts recommendations and reports in writing, jointly with the Senate Select Committee on State Real Property Data Collection, Reporting, and Assessment, any findings and adopted recommendations to the legislature not later than January 13, 2017

Composition (5 members total): The speaker of the house appoints five state representatives to the committee and selects one state representative to serve as the chair. In joint meetings with the Senate Select Committee, the chairs of each committee act as joint chairs.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2017

See also [Senate Select Committee on State Real Property Data Collection, Reporting, and Assessment](#) in the *New Entities* section.

House Select Committee on Transportation Planning

Legislation: [House Bill 20](#), Section 8

Effective: June 3, 2015

Function:

- Reviews, studies, and evaluates, separately or jointly with the Senate Select Committee on Transportation Planning:
 - Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) projections regarding the revenue needed by TxDOT to maintain current maintenance, congestion, and connectivity conditions
 - the development of funding categories, the allocation of funding to such categories by formula, project selection authority for each funding category, and the development of project selection criteria for the Texas Transportation Commission, TxDOT, and district-selected projects
 - TxDOT rules and policies regarding development and implementation of performance-based scoring and decision making for project prioritization and selection of the commission, TxDOT, and district-selected projects
 - the use and utilization of alternative methods of financing that have been authorized by the legislature for projects
 - performance metrics and measurement tools used by TxDOT to evaluate the performance of a TxDOT project or program
 - TxDOT's collaboration with state elected officials, local governments, government trade associations, metropolitan planning organizations, regional mobility authorities, and other entities when adopting rules or formulating policies
 - any proposed rule, policy, program, or plan of the commission or TxDOT of statewide significance
 - any possible benefits of utilizing zero-based budgeting principles
 - any other matter the committee considers appropriate
- Prepares and, not later than November 1, 2016, provides to the legislature a written report on the reviewed subjects

Composition (9 members total): The speaker of the house appoints nine members and designates one member as chair. In making appointments, the speaker is to consider members that reflect diverse constituencies with respect to geographic areas in Texas, urban and rural areas, and ethnicity. In joint meetings with the Senate Select Committee, the chairs of each committee act as joint chairs.

Expiration Date: January 9, 2017

See also [Senate Select Committee on Transportation Planning](#) in the *New Entities* section.

Interagency Data Transparency Commission

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1844](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Studies and reviews the current public data structure, classification, sharing, and reporting protocols for state agencies and the possibility of collecting and posting data from state agencies online in an open source format that is machine-readable, exportable, and easily accessible by the public
- Not later than September 1, 2016, provides a final report on data reporting practices by state agencies to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house

Composition (11 members total):

- 2 representatives from the Department of Information Resources (DIR), appointed by the executive director of DIR
- 1 representative of the Texas Legislative Council, appointed by the executive director of the council
- 1 representative of the Legislative Budget Board (LBB), appointed by the director of the LBB
- 1 member of each committee of the house and the senate with primary jurisdiction over information resources, appointed by the chair of each committee
- The chair of the State Agency Coordinating Committee established by DIR, or a member of the committee appointed by the chair
- 1 representative of the comptroller of public accounts, appointed by the comptroller
- 1 representative appointed by the governor, who serves as the presiding officer of the commission
- 1 representative appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 representative appointed by the speaker of the house

Joint Interim Committee to Study Border Security

Legislation: [House Bill 11](#), Section 17

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function: Conducts a study on border security and submits a report, including findings and recommendations, to the 85th Legislature before it convenes in regular session in January of 2017

Composition (10 members total):

- 5 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 5 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house must each designate a co-chair from among the committee members.

Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System

Legislation: [Senate Bill 695](#), Section 1. House Bill 3459, Acts of the 83rd Legislature, 2013, initially created an interim committee to study this issue.

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Continues to study the feasibility and desirability of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system in Texas that includes a series of gates and barriers to prevent storm surge damage to gulf beaches or coastal ports, industry, or property
- Not later than December 1, 2016, reports to the governor and the legislature the findings of the study and any recommendations developed by the committee

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- The members of the standing committee of the senate that has primary jurisdiction over natural resources
- The members of the standing committee of the house of representatives that has primary jurisdiction over land and resource management
- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor, each of whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of Mexico
- 2 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, each of whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of Mexico

The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house jointly designate a chair, or alternatively, designate two co-chairs from among the committee membership.

Joint Interim Committee to Study Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) Health Benefit Plans

Legislation: [House Bill 2974](#), Section 9; [Senate Bill 1940](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Studies and reviews the health benefit plans, including TRS-Care and TRS-ActiveCare, operated under the Texas School Employees Uniform Group Health Coverage Act and the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Benefits Act, to examine and assess the financial soundness of the plans, the cost and affordability of plan coverage to persons eligible for coverage under the plans, and the sufficiency of access to physicians and health care providers under the plans
- Proposes reforms to address the issues of study
- With regard to TRS-ActiveCare, studies:
 - the impact of allowing school districts and other participating entities in the uniform group coverage program for active employees to opt out of that program
 - the impact, should participating entities be authorized to opt out of the program, of allowing or prohibiting future participation by previous participating entities that have opted out
 - the impact of establishing a regional rating method for determining premiums charged in different regions of the state for the benefits provided under a group coverage plan established under the program
- Not later than January 15, 2017, reports its findings and recommendations, including specific statutory and regulatory changes that appear necessary from the results of the committee's study on the TRS health benefit plans, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house

Composition (6 members total):

- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house each designate a co-chair from among the committee members.

Expiration Date: January 20, 2017

Joint Oversight Committee on Government Facilities

Legislation: [Senate Bill 2004](#), Section 1

Effective: May 28, 2015

Function:

- Reviews deferred maintenance plans for state facilities and receives implementation updates
- Provides a biannual written status report to the legislature that includes the amount of money expended from the deferred maintenance fund, the deferred maintenance projects to be completed through expenditures from the fund, and the status of ongoing and completed projects

Composition (6 members total):

- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The committee chair alternates annually between a state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor and a state representative appointed by the speaker of the house.

Expiration Date: January 8, 2019

Juvenile Records Advisory Committee (Texas Juvenile Justice Board)

Legislation: [House Bill 431](#), Sections 1-7

Effective: May 28, 2015

Function:

- Develops a plan for studying, reorganizing, and comprehensively revising Family Code provisions relating to the juvenile justice information system and any other relevant laws pertaining to juvenile records
- Not later than November 1, 2016, submits recommendations for such revisions and a copy of the plan developed by the advisory committee to produce those recommendations to the legislature and the Texas Juvenile Justice Board

Composition (unspecified number of members): In making appointments, the board must include members who are interested parties, including the following:

- Chief justice probation officers
- Juvenile prosecutors
- Juvenile defense attorneys
- Juvenile court judges

- Justice court or municipal court judges
- Court administrators or court clerks
- Peace officers
- Representatives of the Department of Public Safety
- Representatives of the Department of Family and Protective Services
- Representatives of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department
- Juvenile justice advocates
- Individuals with expertise in federal records and federal immigration policy
- Public members
- Any other individuals that the board considers necessary to accomplish the duties of the advisory committee

The board designates one of the members as presiding officer of the advisory committee.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2018

Long-Term Care Facility Survey and Informal Dispute Resolution Council (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 914](#), Sections 1-8

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Studies and makes recommendations regarding a consistent survey and informal dispute resolution process for long-term care facilities and best practices and protocols to make survey, inspection, and informal dispute resolution processes more efficient and less burdensome on long-term care facilities
- Recommends uniform standards for those processes
- Not later than January 1, 2017, submits a report on the council's findings and recommendations to the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the chairs of the appropriate legislative committees

Composition (18 members total):

- 2 program managers from different Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) regions
- 1 surveyor who has attained at least the level of investigator IV
- 2 members of an enforcement team from different DADS regions

- 3 surveyors, each from a different DADS region, at least one of whom must have a background in nursing, at least one of whom must have a background in social work, and at least one of whom must have a background in the provision of pharmacy services
- 1 informal dispute resolution team leader
- 1 informal dispute resolution reviewer
- 2 owners or regional vice presidents of operation who oversee multiple long-term care facilities
- 2 regional quality assurance nurses who oversee multiple long-term care facilities
- 2 active long-term care facility administrators
- 2 active long-term care facility directors of nursing

Members are appointed by the executive commissioner of HHSC, who designates a member of the council to serve as presiding officer.

Expiration Date: June 1, 2017

Medical Physicist Licensure Advisory Committee (Texas Medical Board)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Sections 2.048-2.059. The new entity is established in Subchapter B, Chapter 602, Occupations Code, which contains revised language relating to the Texas Board of Licensure for Professional Medical Physicists, which was abolished by Senate Bill 202.

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function: Serves as an informal advisory committee to the Texas Medical Board

Composition (7 members total):

- 4 medical physicists licensed in Texas who each have at least five years of experience as a medical physicist
- 2 physicians licensed in Texas who each have at least five years of clinical experience related to medical physics
- 1 public member

Appointments to the advisory committee are made by the board's president and members serve two-year terms that expire on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. A person is not eligible to serve more than two consecutive full terms. The board's president biennially designates a member of the advisory committee to serve as the presiding officer.

See also [Texas Board of Licensure for Professional Medical Physicists](#) in the Abolished Entities section.

Midwives Advisory Board

(Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Sections 1.002-1.009. The new entity is established in Subchapter B, Chapter 203, Occupations Code, which contains revised language relating to the Midwifery Board, which was abolished by Senate Bill 202.

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function: Provides advice and recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on technical matters relevant to the administration of the Texas Midwifery Act

Composition (9 members total): Appointments to the advisory board are made by the presiding officer of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation with the approval of the commission as follows:

- 5 licensed midwife members each of whom has at least three years' experience in the practice of midwifery
- 1 physician member who is certified by a national professional organization of physicians that certifies obstetricians and gynecologists
- 1 physician member who is certified by a national professional organization of physicians that certifies family practitioners or pediatricians
- 2 public members who are not practicing or trained in a health care profession, one of whom is a parent with at least one child born with the assistance of a midwife

The presiding officer designates a public member of the advisory board to serve as the advisory board's presiding officer for a term of one year. The presiding officer of the advisory board may vote on any matter before the advisory board. Members serve for staggered terms of six years with the terms of three members expiring on January 31 of each odd-numbered year.

See also [Midwifery Board](#) in the Abolished Entities section.

Orthotists and Prosthetists Advisory Board

(Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Sections 1.167-1.172. The new entity is established in Subchapter B, Chapter 605, Occupations Code, which contains revised language relating to the Texas Board of Orthotics and Prosthetics, which was abolished by Senate Bill 202.

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function: Provides advice and recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on technical matters relevant to the regulation of orthotists and prosthetists

Composition (7 members total): Appointments to the advisory board are made by the presiding officer of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, with the approval of the commission, as follows:

- 2 licensed orthotist members who each have practiced orthotics for the five years preceding the date of appointment
- 2 licensed prosthetist members who each have practiced prosthetics for the five years preceding the date of appointment
- 1 licensed prosthetist orthotist member who has practiced orthotics and prosthetics for the five years preceding the date of appointment
- 1 public member who uses an orthosis
- 1 public member who uses a prosthesis

Members serve staggered six-year terms with the terms of two or three members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The members elect from the advisory board's membership a presiding officer to serve for a term of one year. The presiding officer may vote on any matter before the advisory board.

See also [Texas Board of Orthotics and Prosthetics](#) in the Abolished Entities section.

Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [House Bill 1874](#), Sections 2 and 3

Effective: June 9, 2015

Function:

- Assesses the availability of patient-centered and family-focused palliative care in Texas
- Consults with and advises the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and outcome evaluation of the statewide palliative care consumer and professional information and education program
- Not later than October 1 of each even-numbered year, submits a report on certain assessments and analyses conducted by the advisory council to the standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives with primary jurisdiction over health matters

Composition (at least 15 members): Members are appointed by the executive commissioner of HHSC and must include the following members:

- At least 5 physician members, including 2 who are board certified in hospice and palliative care and 1 who is board certified in pain management
- 3 palliative care practitioner members, including 2 advanced practice registered nurses who are board certified in hospice and palliative care and 1 physician assistant who has experience providing palliative care

- 4 health care professional members, including a nurse, a social worker, a pharmacist, and a spiritual care professional, all with experience providing palliative care to pediatric, youth, or adult populations; expertise in palliative care delivery in an inpatient, outpatient, or community setting; or expertise in interdisciplinary palliative care
- At least 3 members with experience as an advocate for patients and the patients' family caregivers and who are independent of a hospital or other health care facility, including at least 1 member who is a representative of an established patient advocacy organization
- Ex officio representatives of HHSC or another state agency as the executive commissioner determines appropriate

Advisory council members elect a chair and a vice chair and establish the duties of these positions. Advisory council members serve four-year terms.

Perfusionist Licensure Advisory Committee (Texas Medical Board)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Sections 2.090-2.099. The new entity is established in Subchapter B, Chapter 603, Occupations Code, which contains revised language relating to the Texas State Perfusionist Advisory Committee, which was abolished by Senate Bill 202.

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function: Serves as an informal advisory committee to the Texas Medical Board

Composition (7 members total): Appointments to the advisory committee are made by the board's president as follows:

- 4 perfusionists licensed in Texas who each have at least five years of experience as a perfusionist
- 2 physicians licensed in Texas who supervise perfusionists
- 1 public member

Members serve two-year terms that expire on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The board's president designates biennially an advisory committee member as the presiding officer to serve in that capacity at the will of the president. The advisory committee may appoint additional officers as necessary.

See also [Texas State Perfusionist Advisory Committee](#) in the *Abolished Entities* section.

Purchasing From People With Disabilities Advisory Committee (Texas Workforce Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 212](#), Sections 5, 6, and 30. The new entity is established in Section 122.0057, Human Resources Code, which contains revised language relating to the Texas Council on Purchasing From People With Disabilities, which was abolished by Senate Bill 212.

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Assists the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in establishing performance goals for the State Use Program and criteria for certifying a community rehabilitation program for participation in the program
- Establishes specific objectives for the program that are appropriate given the program's status as one of several employment-related services Texas offers to persons with disabilities
- Develops performance measures that may be used by the TWC to evaluate whether the program is meeting those objectives
- Recommends criteria for certifying community rehabilitation programs for participation in the program
- Recommends changes to the program objectives, performance measures, and criteria as necessary
- Provides input to the TWC in adopting rules applicable to the program relating to the state's employment-first policies

Composition (13 members total): The TWC appoints the following:

- 4 representatives from community rehabilitation programs that participate in the State Use Program
- 4 representatives from organizations that advocate for persons with disabilities
- The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission or the executive commissioner's designee
- 4 persons with disabilities, two of whom are employed by a community rehabilitation program that participates in the State Use Program

The TWC appoints a presiding officer from among the advisory committee members. The members of the advisory committee serve staggered four-year terms, with the terms of either six or seven members expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year. A member may not serve more than two terms.

See also [Texas Council on Purchasing From People With Disabilities](#) in the *Abolished Entities* section.

Senate Select Committee on State Real Property Data Collection, Reporting, and Assessment

Legislation: [House Bill 3750](#), Section 2

Effective: June 19, 2015

Function:

- Studies, separately or jointly with the House Select Committee on State Real Property Data Collection, Reporting, and Assessment:
 - the potential benefits of maintaining a comprehensive database of all real property owned by the state
 - the potential financial loss to the state that could result from the state owning uninsured and underinsured real property
 - any efficiencies or cost savings potentially achieved by requiring the General Land Office to submit an annual real property evaluation report to the Texas Department of Transportation, the Employees Retirement System of Texas, and the Teacher Retirement System of Texas
 - the potential benefits or burdens, including administrative burdens, of requiring each state agency and institution of higher education to report information on the real property it possesses, at the same time and in a uniform manner, to a single entity, and how often the information should be reported
 - which state agency is best suited to collect information on all real property owned by the state and the appropriate method for collecting this information
 - the information that is currently reported by state agencies and institutions of higher education regarding real property of which agencies and institutions have charge and control
 - the distinction between state agencies and institutions of higher education that report information on real property owned by the state as compared to state agencies and institutions of higher education that collect information for a report on real property owned by the state
 - information determined by the Legislative Budget Board as necessary for the State Office of Risk Management (SORM) to conduct an insurable state asset study to develop a statewide strategy that will ensure all real property owned by the state is adequately insured
 - how often SORM should submit an insurable state asset study to the legislature
 - the results of an appraisal of all or part of the Capitol Complex and the potential loss to the state by inadequately insuring the Capitol Complex

- other potential ways to ensure that the state is able to identify, track, and maintain a database of the location, condition, and replacement value of all real property owned by the state
- Adopts recommendations and reports in writing, jointly with the House Select Committee on State Real Property Data Collection, Reporting, and Assessment, any findings and adopted recommendations to the legislature not later than January 13, 2017

Composition (5 members total): The lieutenant governor appoints five senators to the committee and designates one senator to serve as the chair. In joint meetings with the House Select Committee, the chairs of each committee act as joint chairs.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2017

See also [House Select Committee on State Real Property Data Collection, Reporting, and Assessment](#) in the *New Entities* section.

Senate Select Committee on Transportation Planning

Legislation: [House Bill 20](#), Section 8

Effective: June 3, 2015

Function:

- Reviews, studies, and evaluates, separately or jointly with the House Select Committee on Transportation Planning:
 - Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) projections regarding the revenue needed by TxDOT to maintain current maintenance, congestion, and connectivity conditions
 - the development of funding categories, the allocation of funding to such categories by formula, project selection authority for each funding category, and development of project selection criteria for the Texas Transportation Commission, TxDOT, and district-selected projects
 - TxDOT rules and policies regarding development and implementation of performance-based scoring and decision making for project prioritization and selection of the commission, TxDOT, and district-selected projects
 - the use and utilization of alternative methods of financing that have been authorized by the legislature for projects
 - performance metrics and measurement tools used by TxDOT to evaluate the performance of a TxDOT project or program
 - TxDOT's collaboration with state elected officials, local governments, government trade associations, metropolitan planning organizations, regional mobility authorities, and other entities when adopting rules or formulating policies

- any proposed rule, policy, program, or plan of the commission or TxDOT of statewide significance
- any possible benefits of utilizing zero-based budgeting principles
- any other matter the committee considers appropriate
- Prepares and, not later than November 1, 2016, submits to the legislature a written report on the reviewed subjects

Composition (5 members total): The lieutenant governor appoints five members and designates one member as chair. In making appointments, the lieutenant governor is to consider members that reflect diverse constituencies with respect to geographic areas in Texas, urban and rural areas, and ethnicity. In joint meetings with the House Select Committee, the chairs of each committee act as joint chairs.

Expiration Date: January 9, 2017

See also [House Select Committee on Transportation Planning](#) in the *New Entities* section.

Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Advisory Board (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Sections 1.040, 1.044-1.050, and 1.054 and 1.055. The new entity is established in Subchapter C, Chapter 401, Occupations Code, which contains revised language relating to the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, which was abolished by Senate Bill 202.

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function: Provides advice and recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) on technical matters relevant to the regulation of speech-language pathologists and audiologists

Composition (9 members total): Appointments to the advisory board are made by the presiding officer of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, with the approval of the commission, as follows:

- 3 audiologist members who are licensed by TDLR and have been engaged in teaching, research, or providing services in audiology for at least five years
- 3 speech-language pathologist members who are licensed by TDLR and have been engaged in teaching, research, or providing services in speech-language pathology for at least five years
- 3 public members, at least one of whom must be a physician licensed in Texas and certified in otolaryngology or pediatrics

The members of the advisory board serve staggered six-year terms. The terms of three members expire September 1 of each odd-numbered year. Members must have been a Texas resident for the two years preceding the date of appointment, be from the various

geographic regions of Texas, and be from varying employment settings. The commission's presiding officer designates a member to serve as the presiding officer for a term of one year. The presiding officer may vote on any matter before the advisory board.

See also [State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology](#) in the *Abolished Entities* section.

Task Force on Improving Outcomes for Juveniles Adjudicated of Sexual Offenses

Legislation: [House Bill 1144](#), Sections 1-4

Effective: June 17, 2015

Function:

- Makes policy recommendations to improve the outcomes for juvenile sex offenders
- Solicits and reviews information and hears relevant testimony from individuals, state and local agencies, community-based organizations, and other public and private organizations
- Reviews the adjudication and disposition processes and programs for juvenile sex offenders; juvenile sex offender registration; counseling, mental health, or other services provided to juvenile sex offenders; and statistical information regarding the frequency of juvenile sex offenders being victims of abuse or neglect or witnesses to family violence
- Prepares and, not later than December 1, 2016, submits a report to the governor; the lieutenant governor; the speaker of the house; the standing committees of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over criminal justice matters; the executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the executive director of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department; each state agency and nonprofit organization represented on the task force; and any other appropriate agency in Texas

Composition (20 members total):

- The executive director of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department or the executive director's designee
- The commissioner of the Department of Family and Protective Services or the commissioner's designee
- 1 representative designated by the Crime Records Service of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) who has experience with DPS's sex offender registry
- 1 representative designated by the Council on Sex Offender Treatment
- 1 representative designated by Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas
- 1 representative designated by the Texas Association for the Protection of Children
- 1 representative designated by Texans Care for Children

- 1 private provider of juvenile sex offender treatment from a rural county and 1 private provider of juvenile sex offender treatment from an urban county, appointed by the governor
- 1 judge from a rural county and 1 judge from an urban county, appointed by the governor
- 1 law enforcement official from a rural county and 1 law enforcement official from an urban county, appointed by the governor
- 1 prosecutor from a rural county and 1 prosecutor from an urban county, appointed by the governor
- 1 juvenile probation officer from a rural county and 1 juvenile probation officer from an urban county, appointed by the governor
- 1 juvenile public defender from a rural county and 1 juvenile public defender from an urban county, appointed by the governor
- 1 academic researcher from an accredited university who specializes in juvenile justice, appointed by the governor

The governor designates a member of the task force to serve as presiding officer, and the presiding officer may designate additional experts to serve as advisors to the task force.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2017

Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response (Office of the Governor)

Legislation: [House Bill 2950](#), Section 1

Effective: June 19, 2015

Function:

- Serves as an advisory panel to the governor
- Provides expert, evidence-based assessments, protocols, and recommendations related to state responses to infectious diseases, including Ebola
- Serves as a reliable and transparent source of information and education for Texas leadership and citizens
- May make written reports on its findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature

Composition (at least 6 members): The governor may appoint members of the task force as necessary, but must appoint the following:

- At least 1 member who is a county judge of a county with a population of less than 100,000

- At least 1 member who is a county judge of a county with a population of 100,000 or more
- At least 1 member who is a representative of a local health authority serving a rural area
- At least 1 member who is a representative of a local health authority serving an urban area
- At least 1 member who is a licensed nurse
- At least 1 member who is emergency medical services personnel

The governor appoints a director of the task force from among its members. A member serving on the Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response created by executive order of the governor continues to serve on the Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response added by House Bill 2950.

Task Force to Promote Uniformity in Collection and Reporting of Information on Family Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking

Legislation: [House Bill 2455](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: June 16, 2015

Function:

- Solicits and receives reports and testimony from individuals, state and local agencies, community-based organizations, and other public and private organizations
- Develops policy recommendations and best practices guidelines for the uniform collection and reporting of information relating to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking, and the implementation of dating violence training and awareness education in public schools
- Not later than September 1, 2016, submits a report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the appropriate standing committees of the legislature that includes a description of the activities of the task force, its findings and recommendations, and any other matter the task force considers appropriate

Composition (at least 17 members):

- 1 member from the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System, appointed by the administrative director of the courts, who also serves as the task force’s presiding officer
- 16 members appointed by the presiding officer of the task force as follows:
 - 1 member from the bureau of identification and records of the Department of Public Safety
 - 1 member from a statewide family violence advocacy organization

- 1 member from a statewide sexual assault advocacy organization
- 1 member who is a prosecuting attorney with experience in obtaining protective orders in cases involving family violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- 1 member who is a magistrate with experience in issuing orders for emergency protection
- 1 member who is a judge or an associate judge with experience in issuing protective orders in cases involving family violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- 1 member from The University of Texas School of Law Domestic Violence Clinic
- 1 member who is from an organization that receives federal funding under the legal assistance for victims grant program and who has expertise in issues related to family violence, sexual assault, or stalking
- 2 members from a law enforcement agency, including 1 member who is a constable
- 1 member from the Texas Center for the Judiciary
- 1 member from the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center
- 1 member from the Texas Justice Court Training Center
- 1 member from the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas
- 1 member from the child support division of the office of the attorney general
- 1 member from the Texas Education Agency
- Any other member whom the presiding officer determines to be appropriate and who consents to serve on the task force

Expiration Date: September 1, 2017

Technical Advisory Committee to the Bureau of Economic Geology (Bureau of Economic Geology)

Legislation: [House Bill 2](#), Section 16

Effective: June 20, 2015

Function:

- Advises the Bureau of Economic Geology on the use of money appropriated out of the general revenue fund to The University of Texas at Austin for the purchase and deployment of seismic equipment, maintenance of seismic networks, and modeling of reservoir behavior for systems of wells in the vicinity of faults
- Determines the amount of money the bureau uses to enter into collaborative research relationships with other universities

- Advises on the preparation of the bureau's report to be delivered not later than December 1, 2016, to the governor, the House Energy Resources Committee, and the Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee

Composition (9 members total): Members are appointed by the governor, at least two of whom represent higher education institutions and have seismic or reservoir modeling experience, at least two of whom are experts from the oil and gas industry, and at least one of whom is a Railroad Commission of Texas seismologist.

Texas Adult Stem Cell Research Coordinating Board

Legislation: [House Bill 177](#), Sections 1 and 6

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Establishes the Texas Adult Stem Cell Research Consortium composed of participating institutions of higher education and businesses that accept public money for adult stem cell research or otherwise agree to participate in the consortium
- Administers the adult stem cell research program and develops research priorities, guidelines, and procedures for providing grants and loans for specific research projects conducted by consortium members
- Not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year, submits a report of the board's activities and recommendations to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the presiding officer of each legislative standing committee or subcommittee with jurisdiction over higher education

Composition (7 members total):

- 3 members who are interested persons, including at least 1 person who represents an institution of higher education and 1 person who is a representative of an advocacy organization representing patients, appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate
- 2 members who are interested persons appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 members who are interested persons appointed by the speaker of the house

The governor designates as the presiding officer a board member who represents an institution of higher education. The members serve staggered six-year terms.

Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology (Texas Medical Board)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Sections 2.003-2.009, 2.011-2.025, 2.027-2.030, and 2.035-2.047

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Advises the Texas Medical Board
- Adopts rules to establish a certification program for medical radiologic technologists and administers and regulates the program

Composition (9 members total): The governor appoints advisory board members, with the advice and consent of the senate, as follows:

- 4 medical radiologic technologists who each have at least five years of experience as a medical radiologic technologist
- 2 physicians licensed in Texas who supervise medical radiologic technologists
- 3 public members

Members are appointed for staggered six-year terms with the terms of three members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. A member may not serve more than two consecutive full terms or a total of three full terms. The governor designates a member of the advisory board as the presiding officer to serve in that capacity at the will of the governor. The advisory board must select from its membership an assistant presiding officer and other officers as it considers necessary to carry out its duties. The presiding officer appoints a three-member disciplinary panel consisting of advisory board members to determine whether a certificate should be temporarily suspended.

Texas Board of Respiratory Care (Texas Medical Board)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Sections 2.149-2.196. The new entity is established in Subchapter A-1, Chapter 604, Occupations Code.

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Advises the Texas Medical Board
- Adopts rules to establish a certification and permitting program for respiratory care practitioners and administers and regulates the program

Composition (9 members total): The governor appoints advisory board members, with the advice and consent of the senate, as follows:

- 4 respiratory care practitioners who each have at least five years of experience as a respiratory care practitioner
- 2 physicians licensed in Texas who supervise respiratory care practitioners
- 3 public members

Members are appointed for staggered six-year terms with the terms of three members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. A member may not serve more than two consecutive full terms or a total of three full terms. The governor designates a member as the presiding officer to serve in that capacity at the will of the governor. The advisory board selects from its membership an assistant presiding officer and other officers as it considers necessary to carry out its duties. The presiding officer appoints a three-member disciplinary panel consisting of advisory board members to determine whether a certificate or permit should be temporarily suspended.

Texas Bullion Depository (Comptroller of Public Accounts)

Legislation: [House Bill 483](#), Sections 1-10 and 12

Effective: June 19, 2015

Function: Serves as the custodian, guardian, and administrator of certain bullion and specie that may be transferred to or otherwise acquired by the state or an agency, political subdivision, or another instrumentality of the state

Composition (unspecified number of members): The depository is administered as a division of the office of the comptroller of public accounts and under the direction and supervision of a bullion depository administrator appointed by the comptroller with the advice and consent of the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the senate. The administrator may appoint, subject to comptroller approval, a deputy administrator or other subordinate officer as necessary and appropriate to the efficient administration of the depository.

Texas Commission on Next Generation Assessments and Accountability (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [House Bill 2804](#), Section 8

Effective: June 19, 2015

Function:

- Develops and makes recommendations for new systems of student assessment and public school accountability
- Prepares and delivers a report to the governor and the legislature, not later than September 1, 2016, that recommends statutory changes to improve systems of student assessment and public school accountability

Composition (15 members total):

- 4 members appointed by the governor
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house
- The chair of the Senate Committee on Education, or a representative designated by the chair
- The chair of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, or a representative designated by the chair
- The chair of the House Committee on Public Education, or a representative designated by the chair
- The chair of the House Committee on Higher Education, or a representative designated by the chair
- 1 member of the State Board of Education, as designated by the chair of that board

The governor designates the presiding officer of the commission. In making appointments, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house must coordinate to ensure that the commission includes at least one of each of the following representatives:

- A parent or person standing in parental relation to a student enrolled in the public school system
- An educator in the public school system
- An educator in a school district that is a participant in the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium
- A member of the business community
- A member of the civic community
- A leader in student assessment development and use
- A leader in research concerning student assessment and education outcomes

Expiration Date: January 1, 2017

Texas Forensic Science Commission Advisory Committee
(Texas Forensic Science Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1287](#), Section 4

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function: Advises the Texas Forensic Science Commission and makes recommendations on matters related to the licensing of forensic analysts

Composition (9 members total):

- 1 prosecuting attorney recommended by the Texas District and County Attorneys Association
- 1 defense attorney recommended by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- 7 members who are forensic scientists, crime laboratory directors, or crime laboratory quality managers, selected by the commission from a list of 20 names submitted by the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors and that must include representation from municipal, county, state, and private crime laboratories that are accredited by the commission

Members serve staggered two-year terms, with the terms of four or five members, as appropriate, expiring on August 31 of each year. A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The advisory committee elects a presiding officer from among its members to serve a one-year term. A member may serve more than one term as presiding officer.

Texas Good Neighbor Committee

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1389](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Advises the border commerce coordinator on key trade, security, and transportation-related issues important to the municipalities appointed to the committee
- Holds quarterly meetings with mayors from Mexico to increase cooperation, communication, and the flow of information and to identify problems and recommend solutions
- Seeks assistance and input from private sector stakeholders involved in commerce to identify issues to address
- Provides recommendations to assist the coordinator in carrying out the coordinator’s statutory duties

Composition (unspecified number of members): The border commerce coordinator appoints the membership, consisting of mayors from every municipality located in Texas along the Texas-Mexico border that has an adjoining sister city in Mexico.

Texas Health Improvement Network (The University of Texas System)

Legislation: [House Bill 3781](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: June 19, 2015

Function:

- Addresses urgent health care challenges and improves the health care system in Texas and the nation
- Develops health care initiatives, policies, and best practices based on population health research
- Functions as an incubator and evaluator of health improvement practices
- Supports local communities in Texas by offering leadership training, data analytics, community health assessments, and grant writing support
- Reports the results of the network's efforts, findings, and activities to the legislature, state and federal partners, and other interested entities

Composition (unspecified number of members): Consists of experts in the following fields:

- General public health and other medical fields
- Mental health
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Social work
- Health economics
- Health policy and law
- Epidemiology
- Biostatistics
- Health informatics
- Health services research
- Engineering
- Computer science

See also the next entry, [Texas Health Improvement Network Advisory Council](#).

Texas Health Improvement Network Advisory Council

Legislation: [House Bill 3781](#), Section 1

Effective: June 19, 2015

Function: Advises the Texas Health Improvement Network on the health care needs of Texas

Composition (unspecified number of members): The advisory council is composed of:

- Members who are appointed by an executive officer of The University of Texas System and nominated by participants in the network and who are state and national leaders in population health, experts in traditional public health and medical fields, and leaders in the fields of behavioral health, business, insurance, philanthropy, education, and health law and policy
- Representatives from the Department of State Health Services and the Health and Human Services Commission, selected by the executive head of the applicable agency

Members of the advisory council serve staggered three-year terms, with the terms of one-third of the members expiring on January 1 of each year. The executive officer of the UT System who appoints members to the advisory council must appoint a presiding officer from among the members to serve a one-year term.

See also the previous entry, [Texas Health Improvement Network](#).

Timothy Cole Exoneration Review Commission (Texas Judicial Council)

Legislation: [House Bill 48](#), Section 1

Effective: June 1, 2015

Function:

- May review and examine all cases in Texas in which an innocent defendant was convicted and then, on or after January 1, 2010, was exonerated to:
 - identify the causes of wrongful convictions and suggest ways to prevent future wrongful convictions and improve the reliability and fairness of the criminal justice system
 - ascertain errors and defects in the laws, evidence, and procedures applied or omitted in the defendant's case
 - consider suggestions to correct the identified errors and defects through legislation or procedural changes
 - identify procedures, programs, and educational or training opportunities designed to eliminate or minimize the identified causes of wrongful convictions

- collect and evaluate data and information from an actual innocence exoneration reported to the commission by a state-funded innocence project, for inclusion in the commission's report
- identify any patterns in errors or defects in the criminal justice system in Texas that impact the pretrial, trial, appellate, or habeas review process
- consider and suggest legislative, training, or procedural changes to correct the patterns, errors, and defects in the criminal justice system that are identified through the work of the commission
- Reviews and updates the research, reports, and recommendations of the Timothy Cole advisory panel
- Compiles and issues a detailed report on its findings and recommendations and, not later than December 1, 2016, submits the report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, the legislature, and the Texas Judicial Council

Composition (11 members total):

- 1 member appointed by the governor
- The chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice
- The chair of the Senate Committee on State Affairs
- The chair of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence
- The chair of the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
- 1 member appointed by the chair of the Texas Judicial Council
- The presiding officer of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), or a member or employee of TCOLE appointed by the presiding officer
- The presiding officer of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, or a member or employee of that commission appointed by the presiding officer
- The presiding officer of the Texas Forensic Science Commission, or a member or employee of that commission who has significant experience in the field of forensic science appointed by the presiding officer
- The president of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, or the president's designee
- The chairman of the board of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, or the chairman's designee

The following persons serve as advisory members to the commission:

- The director of the Texas Center for Actual Innocence at the University of Texas School of Law

- The director of the Texas Innocence Network at the University of Houston Law Center
- The executive director of the Innocence Project of Texas
- The executive director of the Innocence Project at Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Members of the commission serve until the commission is dissolved. The presiding officer is elected by the commission members and may appoint committees from the membership as needed to organize the commission or to perform the duties of the commission.

Expiration Date: The commission is dissolved on the earlier of the date the commission submits its report or December 1, 2016.

Uniform Pre-Nursing Curriculum Advisory Committee

Legislation: [House Bill 3078](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: June 18, 2015

Function:

- Develops and makes recommendations regarding the creation of a uniform pre-nursing curriculum for undergraduate professional nursing programs offered by institutions of higher education
- Assesses, as of September 1, 2016, the prerequisite courses that are required for each undergraduate professional nursing program in Texas and the ability of a student to use course credit earned at one institution of higher education to qualify for consideration for admission to an undergraduate professional nursing program offered by another institution of higher education
- Prepares and, not later than December 1, 2016, submits to the legislature and to each standing legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education a report containing the committee's findings

Composition (at least 16 members):

- The commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee
- The executive director of the Texas Board of Nursing or the executive director's designee
- 2 representatives of professional nursing associations, appointed by the board
- 1 representative from the undergraduate professional nursing programs offered by at least 12 institutions of higher education, appointed by the board with at least 3 representatives from junior colleges, at least 3 representatives from general academic teaching institutions, and at least 3 representatives from health science centers

Expiration Date: January 1, 2017

Wine Industry Development Advisory Committee

(Department of Agriculture)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 880](#), Sections 1-3 and 7. The new entity is established in Section 50B.002, Agriculture Code, which revises language relating to the Wine Industry Development and Marketing Advisory Committee, which was abolished by Senate Bill 880.

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function:

- Develops a long-term vision and marketable identity for the Texas wine industry that takes into consideration future industry development, funding, research, educational programming, risk management, and marketing
- Assists the commissioner of agriculture in establishing and implementing the Texas Wine Marketing Assistance Program
- Assists and advises the commissioner in determining the best and most productive and efficient expenditures of the wine industry development fund
- Not later than September 1 of each year, provides the commissioner with a written report containing a summary of the committee's discussions, conclusions, and recommendations from the fiscal year preceding that date; a proposed schedule and plan of action for the fiscal year beginning on that date designed to implement and further the objectives of the advisory committee and the assistance program in the Department of Agriculture; a proposed budget and prioritized spending plan for expenditures of the wine industry development fund; and other information requested by the commissioner or determined by a majority of the committee to be appropriate for inclusion in the report

Composition (unspecified number of members): The committee consists of members appointed by the commissioner to represent a diverse cross-section of the wine industry, including representatives of the following:

- Grape growers representing various regions of Texas
- Wineries representing a variety of small, medium, and large formats from the various regions of Texas
- Researchers or educators specializing in viticulture or enology
- Consumers who are not affiliated with the alcoholic beverage industry
- The Department of Agriculture
- The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC)

A consumer who is not affiliated with the alcoholic beverage industry or a TABC representative appointed to the board is a nonvoting member. The commissioner may

appoint a person who previously served on the abolished Wine Industry Development and Marketing Advisory Committee to the Wine Industry Development Advisory Committee.

See also [Wine Industry Development and Marketing Advisory Committee](#) in the *Abolished Entities* section.

Women’s Health Advisory Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 2.12

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function: Provides recommendations to the Health and Human Services Commission on the consolidation of women’s health programs

Composition (unspecified number of members): The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission appoints the committee members, the majority of whom must be health care providers who are participating in women’s health programs of various sizes, be located in separate geographic areas of Texas, and have experience in operating women’s health programs. The executive commissioner may also appoint a member who represents the women’s health industry and is knowledgeable on the best practices for women’s health programs.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2017

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Renamed Entities

Auctioneer Advisory Board

(Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Auctioneer Education Advisory Board

Legislation: [House Bill 2481](#), Sections 1 and 10-13

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function (unchanged): Advises the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation on educational matters, operational matters, and common practices within the auction industry

Composition (unchanged—7 members total):

- 4 members who are licensed auctioneers appointed by the presiding officer of the commission, with the commission's approval
 - The administrative head, or the administrative head's designee, of any state agency or office that is selected by the commission
 - 2 public members
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Combative Sports Advisory Board

(Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Medical Advisory Committee Concerning Health Issues for Combative Sports and Event Contestants

Legislation: [House Bill 3315](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function (revised): Revised to broaden the scope of the advisory board. The advisory board advises the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation concerning general issues relating to combative sports events and contestants.

Composition (unchanged): The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, upon appointment of the advisory board, establishes the number of board members, the qualifications for appointment to the board, and the purpose and duties of the board.

Drug Utilization Review Board

(Health and Human Services Commission)

Previous Name: Texas Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.08; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.08

Effective: January 1, 2016

Function (revised): Revised to include the development of certain recommendations made to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), including recommendations for preferred

drug lists previously developed by the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee, which was abolished by S.B. 200, and to include the review of drug utilization across Medicaid

Composition (revised—at least 20 members): Revised to include at least 20 members determined by the executive commissioner of HHSC

See also [Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee](#) in the Abolished Entities section.

Office of Capital and Forensic Writs (Court of Criminal Appeals)

Previous Name: Office of Capital Writs

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1743](#), Sections 1-10, 12-19, 20, and 21

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function (revised): Revised to expand the actions or proceedings in which the office is authorized to represent a defendant in state court and to authorize the office to consult with law school clinics with applicable knowledge and experience and with other experts as necessary to investigate the facts of a case

Composition (revised—unspecified number of members): Revised to include experts among the persons the director of the office must employ to perform the duties of the office

Note: Senate Bill 1743 also renames the capital writs committee as the capital and forensic writs committee but does not revise the committee's composition or sole function of recommending a director for the office of capital and forensic writs, when a vacancy exists, to the court of criminal appeals.

Southwestern States Water Commission

Previous Name: Multi-State Water Resources Planning Commission

Legislation: [House Bill 163](#), Sections 1-11 and 13

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function (revised): Revised to function as an advisory commission to the governor and the legislature and changes previously required duties of the commission to authorized duties of the commission

Composition (revised—3 members total): Revised to decrease membership from seven to three commissioners, consisting of the following:

- The governor, or the governor's designee, who serves as the chairman of the commission
- 1 member of the standing committee of the house that has jurisdiction over natural resources, appointed by the governor
- 1 member of the standing committee of the senate that has jurisdiction over water issues, appointed by the governor

The two appointed commissioners serve staggered terms of four years with the term of one appointed commissioner expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The governor or the governor's designee must act as the official representative of Texas on the commission and must exercise all powers and duties of the state as a member of the commission.

Texas Civil Commitment Office

(Department of State Health Services)

Previous Name: Office of Violent Sex Offender Management

Legislation: [Senate Bill 746](#), Sections 1, 3, 5, 11-20, 22-27, 29-31, 34-38, and 42

Effective: June 17, 2015

Function (revised): Revised to include the following:

- Develops and implements a sex offender treatment program for persons committed to the sex offender civil commitment program as a sexually violent predator and to specify that the provision of appropriate and necessary treatment and supervision through the case management system is to such persons
- Consults with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) regarding training the members of a multidisciplinary team regarding the sex offender civil commitment program
- Adopts, with TDCJ, a memorandum of understanding that establishes their respective responsibilities to institute a continuity of care for committed persons enrolled in a sex offender treatment program established by TDCJ
- Determines the conditions of supervision and treatment of a committed person and provides or coordinates such supervision and treatment

Composition (unchanged—unspecified number of members)

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Abolished Entities

Advisory Committee on Inpatient Mental Health Services (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.03

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Advised the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission on issues and policies related to the provision of mental health services in certain mental health facilities and on training for inpatient mental health facility surveyors or investigators

Composition: 9 members total

Advisory Committee on Medicaid and Child Health Plan Program Rate and Expenditure Disparities (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Developed a strategic plan for eliminating the disparities between the Texas-Mexico border region and other areas of Texas in capitation rates, fee-for-service per capita expenditures, and total professional services expenditures per recipient under Medicaid and the child health plan program

Composition: 9 members total

Advisory Committee on Promoting Adoption of Minority Children (Department of Family and Protective Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 206](#), Section 86; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.37. The entity is abolished in the bills by the repeal of Section 162.309, Family Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Promoted the adoption of and provided services to minority children

Composition: 12 members total

Advisory Committee on Qualifications for Health Care Translators and Interpreters

(Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Established and recommended qualifications for health care interpreters and health care translators

Composition: At least 10 members

Advisory Panel on Health Care-Associated Infections and Preventable Adverse Events

(Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.09

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Guided the implementation, development, maintenance, and evaluation of the Texas Health Care-Associated Infection and Preventable Adverse Events Reporting System

Composition: 18 members total

Aging and Disability Services Council

(Department of Aging and Disability Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 1.01

Abolished: Not later than September 1, 2016

Function: Assisted the commissioner of aging and disability services in developing rules and policies for the Department of Aging and Disability Services

Composition: 9 members total

Arthritis Advisory Committee

(Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.08

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Advised the Department of State Health Services on developing and implementing the arthritis control and prevention program

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Assistive and Rehabilitative Services Council

(Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 1.01

Abolished: Not later than September 1, 2016

Function: Assisted the commissioner of assistive and rehabilitative services in developing rules and policies for the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Composition: 9 members total

Behavioral Health Integration Advisory Committee

(Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Addressed the planning and development needs of the behavioral health services network, sought input from the behavioral health community on the implementation of the network, and issued formal recommendations to the Health and Human Services Commission regarding the implementation of the network

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Children's Policy Council

(Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.35; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.32

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Assisted in developing, implementing, and administering family support policies relating to health services for children with disabilities relating to long-term services and support, health services, and mental health services

Composition: At least 10 members

Consumer Direction Work Group

(Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Advised the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) concerning the delivery of services through consumer direction in all programs offering long-term services

and supports and assisted HHSC in developing and implementing consumer direction models and expanding the delivery of services through consumer direction

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Council on Children and Families (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Coordinated the state's health, education, and human services systems to ensure that children and families have access to needed services

Composition: 14 members total

Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 1.01

Abolished: Not later than September 1, 2017

Function: Administered long-term services and supports for people who are aging and people with intellectual and physical disabilities and regulated the providers of those services

Composition: Not applicable

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 1.01

Abolished: Not later than September 1, 2016

Function: Administered human services programs to provide early childhood intervention services and rehabilitation and related services for persons with disabilities

Composition: Not applicable

Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.11

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Developed a statewide strategy to reduce drug demand and served as a single source of information for the governor, the legislature, and the public about issues relating to reducing drug demand

Composition: 21 members total

Electronic Health Information Exchange System Advisory Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Assisted the Health and Human Services Commission with duties related to the development of health information exchange systems

Composition: 12-16 members

Family and Protective Services Council (Department of Family and Protective Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 1.01

Abolished: Not later than September 1, 2016

Function: Assisted the commissioner of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) in developing rules and policies for DFPS

Composition: 9 members total

Guardianship Advisory Board (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Advised the Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of Aging and Disability Services with respect to a statewide guardianship program, developed a proposal for such a program, and reviewed, commented on, and recommended changes on the guardianship policies of all health and human services agencies

Composition: 15 members total

Health and Human Services Council (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 1.01

Abolished: Not later than September 1, 2016

Function: Assisted the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in developing rules and policies for HHSC

Composition: 9 members total

Hospital Payment Advisory Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Advised the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the executive commissioner of HHSC on hospital payment methodologies for inpatient hospital prospective payments and on adjustments for disproportionate share hospitals

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Interagency Coordinating Council for HIV and Hepatitis (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Facilitated communication between state agencies concerning policies relating to AIDS, HIV, and hepatitis

Composition: 12 members total

Interagency Inspection Task Force (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.04

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Developed an inspection protocol to coordinate inspections by the Department of State Health Services, the Department of Aging and Disability Services, and the Texas Workforce Commission

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Interagency Task Force for Children With Special Needs (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Coordinated with federal agencies to compile a list of opportunities to increase flexible funding for services for children with special needs, conducted a review of state agency policies and procedures related to service delivery for children with special needs,

performed a needs assessment, and developed a five-year plan to improve the coordination, quality, and efficiency of services for children with special needs

Composition: 17 members total

Interagency Task Force on Electronic Benefits Transfers (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.01

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Advised and assisted the Health and Human Services Commission in adding new benefit programs to the statewide electronic benefits transfer system

Composition: 13 members total

Interagency Task Force on Ensuring Appropriate Care Settings for Persons With Disabilities (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.05; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.05

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Assisted the Health and Human Services Commission and appropriate agencies in developing a comprehensive working plan to ensure appropriate care settings for persons with disabilities

Composition: At least 4 members

Jail-Based Restoration of Competency Pilot Program Stakeholder Workgroup (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.15

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Participated in the development and establishment of rules for the jail-based restoration of competency pilot program

Composition: At least 8 members

Local Authority Network Advisory Committee

(Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.05

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Advised the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of State Health Services on technical and administrative issues that directly affect local mental health authority responsibilities

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Medicaid and CHIP Quality-Based Payment Advisory Committee

(Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Advised the Health and Human Services Commission on issues relating to high-quality, cost-effective health care services provided under the child health plan and Medicaid programs

Composition: At least 9 members

Medicaid and Public Assistance Fraud Oversight Task Force

(Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.02

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Advised and assisted the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and HHSC's office of investigations and enforcement in improving the efficiency of fraud investigations and collections

Composition: 9 members total

Midwifery Board

(Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Sections 1.002-1.036 and 1.300

Abolished: Not later than August 31, 2017

Function: Licensed and regulated midwives in Texas. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, to be assisted by the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and the new Midwives Advisory Board.

Composition: 9 members total

See also [Midwives Advisory Board](#) in the *New Entities* section.

Military Base Realignment and Closure Task Force (Texas Military Preparedness Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1358](#), Section 5

Abolished: September 1, 2019

Function: Sought advice to prepare for possible action by the United States Department of Defense related to the realignment or closure of military installations in Texas

Composition: Not more than 7 members

Office for the Prevention of Developmental Disabilities (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 1.01

Abolished: Not later than September 1, 2017

Function: Facilitated the coordination of efforts regarding the prevention of developmental disabilities among public and private entities and disseminated related educational information

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Parental Advisory Committee (Department of Family and Protective Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 206](#), Section 86; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.37. The entity is abolished in the bills by the repeal of Section 40.073, Human Resources Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Advised the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) on policies affecting parents and their involvement with DFPS

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.08; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.08. The entity is abolished in the bills by the repeal of Section 531.074, Government Code, as amended by S.B. 219, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015.

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Developed recommendations for preferred drug lists adopted by the Health and Human Services Commission for the Medicaid vendor drug program and for prescription drugs purchased through the child health plan program. Function is transferred to the new Drug Utilization Review Board.

Composition: 11 members total

See also [Drug Utilization Review Board](#) in the *Renamed Entities* section.

Public Assistance Health Benefit Review and Design Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Reviewed and provided recommendations to the Health and Human Services Commission regarding health benefits and coverage provided under the state Medicaid program, the child health plan program, and any other state-administered income-based health care program

Composition: 9 members total

Renewing Our Communities Account Advisory Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Made recommendations to the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) regarding HHSC's powers and duties with respect to the renewing our communities account in the general revenue fund

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Sickle Cell Advisory Committee (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.07

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Conducted a needs assessment and advised the Department of State Health Services and the sickle cell disease program administrator regarding the needs of individuals with sickle cell trait and sickle cell disease and made relevant recommendations

Composition: 11 members total

STAR + PLUS Nursing Facility Advisory Committee

(Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Advised the Health and Human Services Commission on the implementation of and other activities related to the provision of Medicaid benefits through the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed care program to recipients who reside in nursing facilities

Composition: 15 members total

STAR + PLUS Quality Council

(Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Advised the Health and Human Services Commission on the development of policy recommendations that will ensure eligible recipients receive quality, person-centered, consumer-directed acute care services and long-term services and supports in an integrated setting under the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed care program

Composition: Unspecified number of members

State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

(Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Section 1.300

Abolished: Not later than August 31, 2017

Function: Licensed and regulated speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Texas. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, to be assisted by the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and the new Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Advisory Board.

Composition: 9 members total

See also [Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Advisory Board](#) in the New Entities section.

State Committee of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments

(Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Section 1.300

Abolished: Not later than August 31, 2017

Function: Licensed and regulated hearing instrument dispensers in Texas. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, to be assisted by the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and the new Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers Advisory Board.

Composition: 9 members total

See also [Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers Advisory Board](#) in the New Entities section.

State Health Services Council

(Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 1.01

Abolished: Not later than September 1, 2016

Function: Assisted the commissioner of state health services in developing rules and policies for the Department of State Health Services

Composition: 9 members total

State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee

(Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Provided recommendations and ongoing advisory input to the Health and Human Services Commission on the statewide implementation and operation of the Medicaid managed care program

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Task Force on Domestic Violence

(Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Examined the impact of domestic violence on certain populations, identified health care services available to young children and mothers, and investigated and made recommendations relating to the coordination of health care services for young children and pregnant and postpartum women who are victims of domestic violence

Composition: 25 members total

Telemedicine and Telehealth Advisory Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Assisted the Health and Human Services Commission in evaluating, developing, monitoring, and coordinating the use of telemedical consultations and telemedical and telehealth services

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Texas Board of Licensure for Professional Medical Physicists (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Section 2.200

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Licensed and regulated medical physicists in Texas. Function is transferred to the Texas Medical Board, to be assisted by the new Medical Physicist Licensure Advisory Committee.

Composition: 9 members total

See also [Medical Physicist Licensure Advisory Committee](#) in the New Entities section.

Texas Board of Orthotics and Prosthetics (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Section 1.300

Abolished: Not later than August 31, 2017

Function: Licensed and regulated prosthetic and orthotic professionals and facilities in Texas. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, to be assisted by the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and the new Orthotists and Prosthetists Advisory Board.

Composition: 7 members total

See also [Orthotists and Prosthetists Advisory Board](#) in the New Entities section.

Texas Council on Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders (Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 1.01

Abolished: Not later than September 1, 2016

Function: Provided recommendations to the Health and Human Services Commission and other appropriate agencies regarding services for people with autism and other pervasive developmental disorders

Composition: 13 members total

Texas Council on Purchasing From People With Disabilities

Legislation: [Senate Bill 212](#), Sections 28 and 29

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Encouraged employment opportunities for Texans with disabilities through the State Use Program (WorksWonders), approved community rehabilitation programs for participation in the program, set fair market prices of products and services offered for sale through the program, and contracted with a central nonprofit agency to carry out the day-to-day functions of the program. All powers and duties of the council are transferred to the Texas Workforce Commission, to be assisted by the Purchasing From People With Disabilities Advisory Committee.

Composition: 9 members total

See also [Purchasing From People With Disabilities Advisory Committee](#) in the New Entities section.

Texas Emerging Technology Advisory Committee

Legislation: [House Bill 7](#); [House Bill 26](#); [Senate Bill 632](#). The entity is abolished in Sections 47, 1.04, and 4 of the respective bills by the repeal of Subchapter B, Chapter 490, Government Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Made recommendations, through peer review and evaluation processes, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house for the award of money from the Texas emerging technology fund

Composition: 17 members total

Texas Institute of Health Care Quality and Efficiency (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.14

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Improved health care quality, accountability, education, and cost containment in Texas by encouraging health care provider collaboration, effective health care delivery models, and coordination of health care services

Composition: Not applicable

Texas Medical Child Abuse Resources and Education System (MEDCARES) Advisory Committee (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.12

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Advised the Department of State Health Services and the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission in establishing rules and priorities for the use of grant funds awarded through the Texas Medical Child Abuse Resources and Education System (MEDCARES) grant program

Composition: 9 members total

Texas Skill Standards Board

Legislation: [House Bill 1606](#), Section 4

Effective: September 1, 2015

Function: Advised the governor and the legislature on the development of a statewide system of industry-defined and industry-recognized skill standards and credentials for all major skilled occupations that provided strong employment and earnings opportunities in Texas and required less than a baccalaureate degree. All powers and duties are transferred to the Texas Workforce Investment Council.

Composition: 11 members total

Texas Small Business Industrial Development Corporation (Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office)

Legislation: [House Bill 2667](#). The entity is abolished in Section 1 of the bill by the repeal of Chapter 503, Local Government Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Provided financing for the planning and development of small businesses on behalf of the state

Composition: Not applicable

Texas State Board of Examiners of Dietitians (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Sections 1.191-1.197 and 1.300

Abolished: Not later than August 31, 2017

Function: Licensed and regulated dietitians under the Licensed Dietitian Act. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, to be assisted by the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and the new Dietitians Advisory Board.

Composition: 9 members total

See also [Dietitians Advisory Board](#) in the New Entities section.

Texas State Perfusionist Advisory Committee (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 202](#), Section 2.200

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Registered and regulated perfusionists in Texas. Function is transferred to the Texas Medical Board, to be assisted by the new Perfusionist Licensure Advisory Committee

Composition: 5 members total

See also [Perfusionist Licensure Advisory Committee](#) in the New Entities section.

Texas System of Care Consortium (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Sections 2.16 and 3.41

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Oversaw a state system of care to develop local mental health systems of care in communities for minors receiving or in need of certain mental health services

Composition: At least 7 members

Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Informed state leaders of issues and policies as they related to meeting the needs of persons with traumatic brain injury and their primary family caregivers, made related recommendations to state leaders and the Department of State Health Services, and advocated for persons with traumatic brain injury and their families

Composition: 21 members total

Volunteer Advocate Program Advisory Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 200](#), Section 3.41; [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 2.38

Abolished: January 1, 2016

Function: Advised the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on the development of the volunteer advocate program for the elderly receiving services from or under the direction of HHSC or a health and human services agency

Composition: 12 members total

Wine Industry Development and Marketing Advisory Committee (Department of Agriculture)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 880](#), Section 7

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Developed a long-term vision and marketable identity for the Texas wine industry and assisted the commissioner of agriculture in establishing and implementing the Texas Wine Marketing Assistance Program. Function is transferred to the new Wine Industry Development Advisory Committee.

Composition: Unspecified number of members

See also [Wine Industry Development Advisory Committee](#) in the New Entities section.

Worksite Wellness Advisory Board

(Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.06

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Advised the Department of State Health Services, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, and the statewide wellness coordinator on worksite wellness issues

Composition: 13 members total

Youth Camp Training Advisory Committee

(Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 277](#), Section 1.10

Abolished: September 1, 2015

Function: Advised the Department of State Health Services and the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission in the development of criteria and guidelines for the training and examination program on sexual abuse and child molestation

Composition: Not more than 9 members

Appendix

Entities Affected by Senate Bill 219

The statutory basis for the following entities was repealed, but not transferred, by [Senate Bill 219](#). The first and third columns indicate the bill section that contains the repealer and the repealed statute, respectively.

Section	Entity	Repealed Statute
1.203	Child Abuse Program Evaluation Committee	Subch. H, Ch. 264, Family Code
2.287	WIC Program Advisory Committee	Sec. 531.0222, Government Code
2.287	Advisory Committee for Local Governmental Entities	Sec. 531.0249, Government Code
2.287	Information and Referral System Task Force	Sec. 531.0314, Government Code
2.287	Caseload Standards Advisory Committees	Sec. 531.049, Government Code
2.287	Office of Early Childhood Coordination Advisory Committee	Sec. 531.286, Government Code
2.287	Work Group on Uncompensated Hospital Care	Sec. 531.552, Government Code
2.287	Statewide Integrated Care Management Advisory Committee	Subch. D, Ch. 533, Government Code
3.1639	Technical Advisory Committee on Injury Reporting	Sec. 92.008, Healthy and Safety Code
3.1639	Border Health Foundation	Ch. 112, Healthy and Safety Code
3.1639	Home and Community Support Services Advisory Council	Sec. 142.015, Health and Safety Code
3.1639	Be a Blood Donor Advisory Committee	Sec. 162.017, Health and Safety Code
3.1639	Advisory Committee on Assisted Living Facilities	Sec. 247.006, Health and Safety Code
3.1639	Texas Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act Advisory Committee	Sec. 431.275, Health and Safety Code
3.1639	Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse	Ch. 461, Health and Safety Code
3.1639	Bureau of Emergency Management	Sec. 773.005, Health and Safety Code
3.1639	Animal Friendly Advisory Committee	Sec. 828.015, Health and Safety Code
4.465	Texas Board of Human Services	Sec. 21.003, Human Resources Code
4.465	Advisory Committee for Services to Aged and Disabled Persons	Sec. 22.010, Human Resources Code
4.465	Work Group on Long-Term Care Services	Sec. 22.034, Human Resources Code
4.465	Pilot Program for Treatment of Alzheimer's Patients Advisory Committee	Sec. 32.0246(b), Human Resources Code
4.465	Advisory Committee for Waiver Programs for Children with Disabilities or Special Health Care Needs	Sec. 32.052(e), Human Resources Code
4.465	Nursing Facility Quality Assurance Team	Sec. 32.060, Human Resources Code
4.465	Committee on Licensing Standards	Sec. 42.0221, Human Resources Code
4.465	Citizens Advisory Council	Ch. 101, Human Resources Code
4.465	Options for Independent Living Advisory Committee	Ch. 101, Human Resources Code
4.465	Interagency Work Group for the 1994 Supported Employment Summit Action Plan	Sec. 121.0015, Human Resources Code
4.465	Interagency Council for Genetic Services	Ch. 134, Human Resources Code

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