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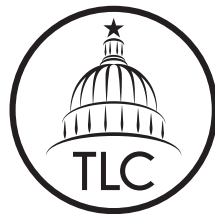


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Foreword

New, Renamed, and Abolished State Governmental Entities is a biennial publication that provides information on the function and composition of statutory state agencies, interagency panels, advisory committees, and other state governmental entities that have been created, renamed, or eliminated by the Texas Legislature.

The **New Entities** section provides information on each of the 69 entities created by the 86th Legislature. Some of these new entities are associated with the creation, restructuring, or abolishment of another entity. In such instances, a reference to the corresponding entity is included.

The **Renamed Entities** section provides information on the four entities renamed by the 86th Legislature, including whether an entity's function and composition were unchanged or revised.

The **Abolished Entities** section provides information on each of the 12 entities that were explicitly abolished or that were discontinued because the statute creating the entity was repealed by the 86th Legislature.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.
- *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 all or part 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.

Indexes at the end of this publication provide links organized by subject area and administering agency.

The Texas Legislative Council has produced an edition of *New, Renamed, and Abolished State Governmental Entities* for each legislative session beginning with the 79th Legislature (2005). Between 1997 and 2003, similar information was provided in table form in the council publication *Summary of Enactments*.

New Entities

Ad Hoc Committee on Guidelines for the Care of Students With Food Allergies At Risk for Anaphylaxis (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 869](#), Sections 1-3

Effective: June 14, 2019

Function: Consults with the commissioner of state health services at least once every three years on updating the *Guidelines for the Care of Students With Food Allergies At-Risk for Anaphylaxis* to incorporate and specifically reference any new food-allergy management best practices and treatments, with any recommendations regarding medical treatment or therapies submitted directly to the commissioner by the physician members if approved by a majority of physicians serving on the committee

Composition (unspecified number of members): The commissioner appoints the following for a period determined by the commissioner:

- Not more than 1 representative from the Department of State Health Services
- Not more than 1 representative from the Texas Nurses Association
- At least 2 individuals from one or more national patient advocacy organizations representing the interests of food allergies, anaphylaxis, and related medical issues, including asthma
- 1 principal of a public elementary school campus at which one or more students with a diagnosed food allergy at risk for anaphylaxis are enrolled
- 1 classroom teacher employed at such an elementary school campus
- 1 public school district superintendent
- 1 member of a public school district board of trustees
- 1 member of an open-enrollment charter school's governing body
- At least 2 parents of public school students with a diagnosed food allergy at risk for anaphylaxis
- At least 4 physicians certified in allergy and immunology by the American Board of Allergy and Immunology
- At least 1 physician certified in general pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics who is a member of a statewide pediatric organization

Advisory Committee on Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

Legislation: [House Bill 1735](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Makes recommendations to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding rules to implement and enforce statutory provisions relating to sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking at public, private, and independent institutions of higher education
- Develops recommended training for Title IX coordinators at those institutions and for certain responsible and confidential employees that each of those institutions is required to designate
- Annually reviews and, if necessary, updates the recommended training

Composition (9 members): The commissioner of higher education appoints the members and each member is a chief executive officer of a postsecondary educational institution or such an officer's designated representative.

See also Advisory Committee on Training Regarding the Reporting of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking under New Entities.

Advisory Committee on Training Regarding the Reporting of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 212](#), Section 1

Effective: June 14, 2019

Function: Not later than December 1, 2019, develops recommended training for Title IX coordinators and deputy coordinators at public, private, and independent institutions of higher education and for employees of those institutions who are required to report certain incidents that may constitute sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking

Composition (9 members): The commissioner of higher education appoints the following:

- 8 members who are chief executive officers of applicable institutions or those officers' designated representatives

- 1 member who is a representative of an advocacy organization for victims of sexual assault or family violence

Expiration Date: September 1, 2020

See also Advisory Committee on Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking under New Entities.

Advisory Committee on Electronic Application for State Student Aid (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

Legislation: [House Bill 2140](#), Section 1

Effective: June 10, 2019

Function:

- Assists the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in adopting procedures to allow a person to complete and submit the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) or a similar application for state student financial assistance electronically through a specified coordinating board website
- Assists the coordinating board in developing related recommendations to be reported not later than January 1, 2021, to the standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives with jurisdiction over higher education

Composition (unspecified number of members): The coordinating board appoints the following:

- Financial aid personnel at public institutions of higher education
- Stakeholders who represent the needs of interested students

Expiration Date: January 1, 2023

Advisory Committee on the Financial Aid Application Graduation Requirement (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [House Bill 3](#), Section 2.015

Effective: June 12, 2019

Function:

- Assists the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in adopting rules to implement provisions relating to the financial aid application requirement for high school graduation established by House Bill 3
- Develops related recommendations which TEA must report, not later than January 1, 2021, to the standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives with jurisdiction over public education

Composition (unspecified number of members): TEA establishes the advisory committee, which is composed of the following:

- School counselors
- School administrators
- Stakeholders representing the needs of interested students

Expiration Date: January 1, 2023

Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1017](#), Sections 2 and 3

Effective: June 10, 2019

Function:

- Studies the accessibility of higher education for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provides advice on resolving barriers to access
- Advises the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on relevant policies and practices and assists the coordinating board with the periodic review of such policies and practices
- Develops and assists the coordinating board in the distribution of relevant outreach materials
- Identifies, evaluates, and develops recommendations to address barriers for applicable persons who are or have been in the foster care system and any related data collection issues in relation to those persons
- Submits an annual report to the coordinating board, beginning not later than December 1, 2020, which must include information regarding the advisory council's activities, any relevant rule changes the advisory council considers necessary, and recommendations for potential outreach and education materials

- Not later than December 1, 2020, and not later than December 1 of each subsequent even-numbered year, provides a biennial report to the coordinating board and to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, members of the legislature, and, as necessary, other state agencies or relevant stakeholders. The report must include the following:
 - Certain historic and current higher education data and related information regarding persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Recommendations for changes to support success and achievement for those persons

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- 1 member appointed by the executive director of the Texas Workforce Commission
- 1 member appointed by the commissioner of education
- A representative of the continuing advisory committee for special education appointed by the governor
- The following members appointed by the coordinating board:
 - A representative of a University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities program in Texas
 - A representative of a disability advocacy group
 - A parent or guardian of a person with an intellectual or developmental disability
 - A parent or guardian of a person with an intellectual or developmental disability who is currently enrolled in a public institution of higher education
 - A person with an intellectual or developmental disability who is currently enrolled in a public institution of higher education
 - A person with an intellectual or developmental disability who has completed a program at a public institution of higher education
 - A high school counselor
 - A specialist in the transition to employment from a regional education service center, public school district, or other state agency
 - Additional representatives with relevant experience, as needed

Advisory council members serve two-year terms and elect a presiding officer from among the membership.

Business Advisory Council (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 799](#), Sections 7 and 8

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Provides advice and expertise on actions state and local governments can take to assist businesses in recovering from a disaster
- Advises the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) on relevant policies, rules, and program operations and on the state resources and services needed to assist businesses in recovering from a catastrophic loss of electric power
- Proposes solutions to address inefficiencies or problems in state or local governmental disaster response with respect to impact on businesses and the economy
- Not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, submits a report on its activities, advice, and proposed solutions to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and TDEM

Composition (12 members): Representatives of business in Texas, appointed as follows:

- 4 members appointed by the governor
- 4 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 4 members appointed by the speaker of the house

Except for certain initial members, the members serve staggered four-year terms. The members elect a presiding officer from among the membership.

The initial members' terms expire as follows:

- The terms of 2 appointees of the governor, 1 appointee of the lieutenant governor, and 1 appointee of the speaker of the house expire February 1, 2021
- The terms of 1 appointee of the governor, 2 appointees of the lieutenant governor, and 1 appointee of the speaker of the house expire February 1, 2022
- The terms of 1 appointee of the governor, 1 appointee of the lieutenant governor, and 2 appointees of the speaker of the house expire February 1, 2023

Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [House Bill 1225](#), Sections 3 and 4

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Coordinates implementation of the state’s cost-effective plan for prevention, early screening, diagnosis, and management of chronic kidney disease through national, state, and local partners
- Educates health care professionals on the use of certain appropriate clinical practice guidelines
- Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, reports its findings and recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and presiding officers of the legislative standing committees with jurisdiction over health issues

Composition (24 members):

- 20 members appointed by the governor as follows:
 - 1 family practice physician
 - 1 pathologist
 - 1 nephrologist from a nephrology department of a state medical school
 - 1 nephrologist in private practice
 - 1 representative from the National Kidney Foundation
 - 1 representative from the Texas Kidney Foundation
 - 1 representative from the South Plains Kidney Foundation of West Texas
 - 1 representative from the Texas Renal Coalition
 - 1 representative from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Kidney Health Care Program
 - 1 representative of an insurer that issues a preferred provider benefit plan or of a health maintenance organization
 - 1 representative of clinical laboratories

- 1 representative of private renal care providers
- 1 pediatrician in private practice
- 1 kidney transplant surgeon
- 1 primary care physician
- 1 licensed and certified renal dietitian
- 1 certified nephrology nurse
- 1 representative from a health care system
- 1 representative of HHSC whose duties involve the state Medicaid program
- 1 end stage renal disease expert
- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The governor designates a member as the presiding officer, who serves at the will of the governor. All appointments must be made not later than January 1, 2020, and without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointees.

Expiration: HHSC must review the continued need for the task force at least once every five years. If HHSC determines that the task force is no longer needed and should be abolished, the date of abolition is the publication date of the requisite notice in the Texas Register and on the HHSC website.

Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services

(Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [House Bill 906](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: June 14, 2019

Function:

- Studies, evaluates, and makes recommendations regarding the provision and the impact, in terms of specified metrics, of certain state-funded mental health services provided at a public school district or open-enrollment charter school
- Studies, evaluates, and makes recommendations regarding the provision of related training to an educator who is employed by the district or school to provide those services

- Gathers certain statistical data relating to the population served or potentially served by applicable school mental health services at each district or charter school
- Not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, reports the results of the task force's activities and any recommendations for legislative or other action to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the Texas Education Agency

Composition (at least 11 members):

- The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee
- 10 members appointed by the commissioner as follows:
 - 3 parents of students who are enrolled in a public school district or open-enrollment charter school and receive state-funded mental health services provided at the district or school
 - 1 provider of such mental health services or of certain related educator training who is a licensed professional counselor, licensed clinical social worker, or certified school counselor
 - 1 psychiatrist
 - 2 administrators of districts or schools that provide the applicable school mental health services or educator training
 - 1 member of a foundation that invests in the applicable school mental health services or educator training
 - 1 employee of a public institution of higher education designated by the commissioner as the lead institution or as an assisting institution for the task force
 - 1 licensed specialist in school psychology
- 1 person appointed by the task force for each other entity the task force considers necessary to represent

Appointments must be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

The commissioner is the interim presiding officer for purposes of calling and conducting the initial meeting. At the initial meeting, the task force selects from among its members a presiding officer and may also select an assistant presiding officer and a secretary from among its members.

Expiration Date: December 1, 2025

Compensatory Education Allotment Advisory Committee (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [House Bill 3](#), Sections 1.028 and 1.029

Effective: June 12, 2019

Function:

- Advises the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in adopting rules for the compensatory education allotment as revised in Section 1.028, including rules regarding certain economic criteria and calculation methods
- Not less than once every two years, reviews census and student data and provides recommendations to TEA regarding any suggested changes to the rules adopted for the allotment

Composition (unspecified number of members): The commissioner of education appoints members who serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and who are representatives of the following groups:

- Public school district superintendents and chief financial officers
- Classroom teachers
- Representatives of districts located in an area other than an area designated by the United States Census Bureau as an urban area
- At least 1 representative of an open-enrollment charter school
- Demographers
- Experts on census data
- Public school finance experts
- Appropriate TEA employees

Computer Science Strategic Advisory Committee (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [House Bill 2984](#), Sections 2 and 3

Effective: June 14, 2019

Function:

- Develops and provides recommendations for increasing computer science instruction and participation in public schools

- Not later than September 1, 2020, submits a report to the governor and the legislature that includes recommended changes to state law, including funding proposals and time lines for the implementation of the recommended changes, and recommendations that are intended to increase the number of certified computer science teachers, public high schools offering computer science courses, and high school students enrolled in those courses; encourage the enrollment of diverse student populations in computer science courses; and expand computer science learning opportunities in public schools

Composition (at least 11 members):

- 2 members appointed by the governor
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house
- 1 member appointed by the chair of the senate committee with primary jurisdiction over primary and secondary education
- 1 member appointed by the chair of the senate committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education
- 1 member appointed by the chair of the house of representatives committee with primary jurisdiction over primary and secondary education
- 1 member appointed by the chair of the house of representatives committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education
- 1 member appointed by the chair of the State Board of Education
- Any other members added by the advisory committee in a manner determined by the committee in the committee's discretion

The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house must coordinate their appointments to ensure that their six appointees collectively include the following:

- 3 educators who teach in a public school and are certified in computer science
- 1 parent of or person standing in parental relation to a student enrolled in a public school
- 1 person employed in the technology industry
- 1 faculty member of a public institution of higher education

The governor designates the presiding officer, who serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

Expiration Date: January 1, 2021

Disaster Management Information Sharing Work Group (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

Legislation: [House Bill 2340](#), Section 2

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Develops recommendations for improving the manner in which electronic information is stored by and shared among state agencies and between state agencies and federal agencies to improve the agencies' capacity to respond to a disaster and to coordinate their responses
- Not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, submits the work group's recommendations to the governor

Composition (unspecified number of members): The Texas Division of Emergency Management establishes the work group and the division chief appoints members who represent the following entities:

- The office of the comptroller of public accounts
- The Department of State Health Services
- The Texas Department of Transportation
- The General Land Office
- The Health and Human Services Commission
- Public institutions of higher education
- Appropriate federal agencies, to the extent practicable

Disaster Recovery Task Force (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

Legislation: [House Bill 6](#), Section 2; [Senate Bill 289](#), Section 1; [Senate Bill 799](#), Section 7

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Provides specialized assistance for communities and individuals to address financial issues, available federal assistance programs, and recovery and resiliency planning to speed recovery at the local level following natural and man-made disasters

- Develops procedures for preparing and issuing a report that lists each project related to a disaster that qualifies for federal assistance and that must be submitted to the appropriate federal agencies as soon as practicable after any disaster
- Provides quarterly briefings to members of the legislature, legislative staff, and state agency personnel on the response and recovery efforts for previous disasters and any preparation or planning activities for future hazards, threats, or disasters

Composition (unspecified number of members): The Texas Division of Emergency Management develops the task force, which may include and use the resources of the following additional entities:

- Any appropriate state agencies, including public institutions of higher education
- Organized volunteer groups

Educator Advisory Committee for Assessment Instruments (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [House Bill 3906](#), Section 4

Effective: June 14, 2019

Function: Advises the commissioner of education and the Texas Education Agency regarding the development of academically appropriate statewide standardized tests

Composition (unspecified number of members): The commissioner appoints members, including experts in curriculum and instruction.

See also Technical Advisory Committee for Assessment Instruments under New Entities.

Electronic Prescribing Waivers Interagency Work Group (Texas State Board of Pharmacy)

Legislation: [House Bill 2174](#), Section 7

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function: Establishes recommendations and standards for circumstances in which a one year waiver from the electronic prescribing requirement for the dispensing of a controlled substance is appropriate and a process under which a prescriber may request and receive such a waiver

Composition (unspecified number of members): The Texas State Board of Pharmacy convenes the work group, which includes representatives of each regulatory agency that issues a license, certification, or registration to a prescriber.

Emergency Management Personnel Training and Credentialing Work Group (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

Legislation: [House Bill 2305](#), Sections 1-4; [Senate Bill 6](#), Section 2. Provisions of these bills relating to the work group are substantially the same except as noted.

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Studies and develops a proposal for enhancing the training and credentialing of emergency management directors, emergency management coordinators, and other emergency management personnel on the state or local level
 - Taking into consideration certain issues and potential policies, assesses the training and credentials necessary for emergency management personnel to effectively oversee the response to and recovery from a disaster
 - Consults with public institutions of higher education on the development of degree programs in emergency management in addition to the programs that exist in Texas on September 1, 2019
 - Under Senate Bill 6, specifically reviews training courses that are required in Texas for the specified emergency management personnel on September 1, 2019
- Not later than November 1, 2020, submits the proposal to the governor, members of the legislature, and also, under Senate Bill 6, the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house

Composition (unspecified number of members): The Texas Division of Emergency Management establishes the work group, which includes persons knowledgeable on emergency management.

Expiration Date: January 1, 2021

Governor’s Broadband Development Council (Office of the Governor)

Legislation: [House Bill 1960](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: May 25, 2019

Function:

- Researches the progress of broadband development in unserved areas
- Identifies barriers to residential and commercial broadband deployment in unserved areas and studies technology-neutral solutions to overcome those barriers
- Analyzes how statewide access to broadband would benefit economic development, state and local law enforcement, state emergency preparedness, and the delivery of health care services and educational opportunities in higher education and public education
- May research another matter related to broadband, subject to approval by a majority of the council
- May consult with a representative of a public institution of higher education who has published scholarly research on broadband
- Not later than November 1 of each year, prepares and delivers an electronic report of its findings and recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and each member of the legislature, with the initial report due November 1, 2020

Composition (17 members):

- The following 15 members appointed by the governor:
 - 2 representatives of separate Internet service provider industry associations, including at least one representative of an association that primarily represents small providers
 - 1 representative of the health information technology industry
 - 2 representatives of unaffiliated nonprofit organizations that advocate for elderly persons statewide
 - 2 representatives of unaffiliated nonprofit organizations that have a demonstrated history of working with the legislature and the public to identify solutions for expanding broadband to rural, unserved areas of Texas
 - 1 representative of an agricultural advocacy organization in Texas
 - 1 representative of a hospital advocacy organization in Texas
 - 1 representative of a medical advocacy organization in Texas
 - 1 elected county official of a county with a population of less than 35,000
 - 1 elected municipal official of a municipality with a population of less than 20,000 located in a county with a population of less than 60,000

- 1 representative of a public institution of higher education that has its main campus in a county with a population of less than 60,000
- 1 representative of a public school district with a territory that includes only counties with a population of less than 60,000
- 1 representative from a library association
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house

Members serve five-year terms and the governor designates the presiding officer.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2029

Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council (Office of the Attorney General)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 72](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- For each five-year period, develops and implements a strategic plan for preventing human trafficking in Texas and submits the plan to the legislature, beginning with submission of the initial strategic plan not later than May 1, 2020, and including the following elements:
 - An inventory of human trafficking prevention programs and services in Texas that are administered by state agencies and political subdivisions
 - A certain report and coordination plan regarding those programs and services
 - A plan to coordinate the expenditure of state funds allocated to the prevention of human trafficking, including such expenditure by the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force
- Not later than December 1 of each year and beginning with the year following the year in which the council submits a strategic plan, submits to the legislature an annual report detailing the progress of implementing the strategic plan

Composition (at least 8 members):

- The governor or governor’s designee
- The attorney general or attorney general’s designee, who serves as the presiding officer

- The commissioner of the Department of Family and Protective Services or the commissioner’s designee
- The public safety director or the director’s designee
- 1 representative from each of the following state agencies, appointed by the chief administrative officer of the respective agency:
 - The Texas Workforce Commission
 - The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
 - The Parks and Wildlife Department
 - The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
- 1 representative of any other state agency from which the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force and the council determine that representation is necessary, appointed by the chief administrative officer of that agency

In addition, the General Appropriations Act ([House Bill 1](#), Article IX, Section 17.12), following the informational listing of appropriations made elsewhere in the act to address human trafficking, includes as council members individuals designated by the Texas Department of Transportation and the Department of State Health Services and specifies that any other state agency or institution that receives funding in the act and provides specific human trafficking prevention services may participate in the meetings and discussion of the council.

Interregional Planning Council (Texas Water Development Board)

Legislation: [House Bill 807](#), Sections 1 and 3

Effective: June 10, 2019

Function:

- Improves coordination among regional water planning groups and between each of those groups and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in meeting the goals of the state water planning process and the water needs of Texas as a whole
- Facilitates dialogue regarding water management strategies that could affect multiple regional water planning areas
- Shares best practices regarding operation of the regional water planning process
- Reports its work to the TWDB

Composition (unspecified number of members): The TWDB appoints one member of each regional water planning group as follows:

- Each group nominates one or more of its members for appointment
- The TWDB must consider those nominees in making the appointments

At an appropriate time in each five-year cycle for the adoption of a new state water plan, the TWDB appoints the members, who serve until the new plan is adopted. The TWDB must appoint the members of the initial council not later than September 1, 2020.

Joint Interim Committee on the Use of Prior Authorization and Utilization Review Processes

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1742](#), Article 4

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Studies data and other information available from the Texas Department of Insurance, the office of public insurance counsel, or other relevant sources regarding the prior authorization and utilization review processes used by private health benefit plan issuers in Texas
- Proposes reforms based on the study to improve the transparency of the applicable processes and to improve patient outcomes under those processes
- Not later than December 1, 2020, submits to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house a report of the committee's findings and proposed reforms

Composition (8 members):

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

Members must be appointed not later than the 60th day after the bill's effective date. The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house each designate a co-chair from among the members.

Expiration Date: December 15, 2020

Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1082](#), Section 1. [House Bill 3459](#), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, initially created an interim committee to study this issue.

Effective: June 4, 2019

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, 2020, reports to the governor and the legislature the committee's findings and recommendations

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.

Expiration Date: January 11, 2021

Joint Oversight Committee on Government Facilities

Legislation: [Senate Bill 401](#), Section 2. [Senate Bill 2004](#), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, previously created a joint oversight committee to perform this function.

Effective: June 4, 2019

Function:

- Continues to review deferred maintenance plans and receive implementation updates
- Provides a biannual report to the legislature that identifies the amount of money expended for deferred maintenance, planned deferred maintenance projects, and the status of ongoing and completed deferred maintenance projects

Composition (6 members):

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

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

Expiration Date: September 1, 2025

K-3 Reading Standards Advisory Board (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [House Bill 3](#), Section 2.013

Effective: June 12, 2019

Function: Assists the Texas Education Agency in fulfilling duties associated with the implementation in public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools of certain requirements regarding kindergarten through third grade reading instruction

Composition (unspecified number of members): The commissioner of education establishes the advisory board.

Land Surveying Advisory Committee (Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors)

Legislation: [House Bill 1523](#), Section 1.25

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function: Provides advice and recommendations on matters related to the regulation of land surveying to the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, which the board must consider before adopting a rule related to the scope of practice of, the professional or technical standards for, or the standards of conduct and ethics for land surveyors

Composition (at least 5 members): The board appoints the members, at least five of whom must be land surveyors.

See also Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors under Renamed Entities and Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying under Abolished Entities.

Long-Term Care Facilities Council (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1519](#), Sections 2 and 4-6

Effective: June 10, 2019

Function: As a permanent advisory committee to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

- Studies and makes recommendations regarding the following:
 - Best practices and protocols to make survey, inspection, and informal dispute resolution processes more efficient and less burdensome on long term care facilities
 - Medicaid quality-based payment systems and a rate-setting methodology for long-term care facilities
 - The allocation of and need for Medicaid beds in those facilities
- Recommends uniform standards for survey, inspection, and informal dispute resolution processes
- Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, submits a report on the council's findings and recommendations to the executive commissioner of HHSC, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the chairs of the appropriate legislative committees
- Not later than September 1, 2021, assesses the impact the implementation of certain legislation enacted by the 84th Legislature would have on long-term care facilities and makes a recommendation regarding that implementation, with such implementation by HHSC delayed until September 1, 2023, if the council advises that the implementation would have a significant impact on facilities and with the provisions relating to the assessment and recommendation set to expire September 1, 2023

Composition (at least 9 members): Not later than December 1, 2019, the executive commissioner appoints the following members, who serve at the will of the executive commissioner:

- At least 1 member who is a for-profit nursing facility provider
- At least 1 member who is a nonprofit nursing facility provider
- At least 1 member who is an assisted living services provider
- At least 1 member responsible for survey enforcement within the state survey and certification agency
- At least 1 member responsible for survey inspection within the state survey and certification agency
- At least 1 member of the state agency responsible for informal dispute resolution
- At least 1 member with expertise in Medicaid quality-based payment systems for long-term care facilities
- At least 1 member who is a practicing medical director of a long-term care facility
- At least 1 member who is a physician with expertise in infectious disease or public health

The executive commissioner designates a member to serve as presiding officer, and the members elect any other necessary officers.

HHSC is required to implement the legislation establishing the council only if a specific appropriation is made for that purpose.

Motor Vehicle Licensing Transition Work Group

(Department of Public Safety / Texas Department of Motor Vehicles)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 616](#), Sections 6.004 and 6.006

Effective: The provisions requiring the establishment of the work group take effect only if a certain independent, third-party contractor's report required by Senate Bill 616 is not submitted by September 1, 2020.

Function:

- Adopts and implements a transition plan to provide for the orderly transfer of powers, duties, functions, programs, and activities relating to motor vehicle licensing and election identification certificates from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV), including provision for the completion of the transfer on or before August 31, 2021
- Provides a quarterly report of the work group's progress in developing and implementing the transition plan to the governor, the presiding officer of each house of the legislature, and the Sunset Advisory Commission

Composition (unspecified number of members): DPS and TxDMV jointly establish the work group, if applicable.

Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board

(Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 616](#), Sections 8.004, 8.005, and 8.012

Effective: September 1, 2020

Function:

- Advises the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) on matters related to the motorcycle operator training and safety program whose administration is transferred from the Department of Public Safety to TDLR by other provisions of Senate Bill 616

- Advises TDLR regarding any proposal to contract with qualified persons to offer and conduct motorcycle operator training and safety courses or to research motorcycle safety in Texas
- Advises TDLR regarding any proposal to award a grant under the motorcycle safety grant program

Composition (9 members): The presiding officer of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR) appoints the following with TCLR approval:

- 3 members, each of whom is a licensed motorcycle operation and safety instructor or represents a licensed motorcycle school and who must collectively represent the diversity in size and type of licensed motorcycle schools
- 1 member who represents the motorcycle dealer retail industry
- 1 representative of a law enforcement agency
- 1 representative of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute
- 1 representative of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service
- 2 public members who hold a valid Class M driver's license

Members serve staggered six-year terms, with three members' terms expiring September 1 of each odd-numbered year.

The presiding officer of TCLR, on approval of TCLR, designates a member to serve as presiding officer of the advisory board for a one-year term.

Payment Fraud Fusion Center (Office of the Attorney General)

Legislation: [House Bill 2945](#), Sections 1-3

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Serves as the state's primary entity for the planning, coordination, and integration of the capabilities of law enforcement agencies and other governmental agencies to respond to criminal activity that is related to payment fraud, including through the use of skimmers
- Maximizes the ability of those agencies to detect, prevent, and respond to payment fraud-related criminal activities
- Assists those agencies and merchants in their efforts to develop and implement strategies to detect skimmers, ensure an effective response if a skimmer is found, and prevent payment fraud

- Receives notifications of reported discoveries of skimmers attached to motor fuel dispensers and coordinates with the appropriate state regulatory agency and with law enforcement agencies in investigating such reports
- May collaborate with federal agencies for the performance of the center’s duties and to accomplish the center’s purpose

Composition (unspecified number of members): The attorney general establishes the center. Law enforcement agencies or other governmental agencies designated by the attorney general may collaborate with the attorney general for that purpose.

The attorney general appoints a director, who is under the supervision and direction of the attorney general.

The attorney general is required to implement the legislation establishing the center only if a specific appropriation is made for that purpose.

Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council

Legislation: [House Bill 2783](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Advises the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the legislature on research, diagnosis, treatment, and education related to pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome
- Not later than September 1 of each year, prepares and submits a report to the governor, legislature, and HHSC that includes recommendations on certain related issues

Composition (19 members):

- 14 members appointed by the governor with the following qualifications:
 - 1 licensed health care provider with expertise in treating persons with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and autism
 - 1 osteopathic physician with experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome
 - 1 pediatrician with experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome
 - 1 child psychiatrist with experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome

- 1 immunologist with experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and the use of intravenous immunoglobulin
- 1 dietician or nutritionist who provides services to children with autism spectrum disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorders, and other neuro-developmental conditions
- 1 member with experience in conducting research on pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections, obsessive-compulsive disorder, tic disorders, and other neurological disorders
- 1 licensed social worker
- 1 representative of the Texas Education Agency with expertise in special education services
- 1 licensed psychologist
- 1 representative of a professional organization in Texas for school nurses
- 1 representative of an advocacy and support group in Texas for individuals affected by pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome
- 1 representative of an advocacy and support group in Texas for individuals affected by autism
- 1 parent of a child who has been diagnosed with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome or autism
- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- 1 ex officio nonvoting member designated by the executive commissioner of HHSC

The appointing authorities must appoint the advisory council members not later than December 31, 2019. Each member must be a citizen of Texas.

The legislative members appointed by the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house serve terms that coincide with their terms of office. The remaining members serve two-year terms.

Members elect a chair and vice chair from among the advisory council's legislative members. The member designated by the executive commissioner may cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2031, unless continued in existence as provided by the Texas Sunset Act

Permitting Task Force (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

Legislation: [House Bill 2340](#), Section 3

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Expedites environmental permitting and access to funds from federal disaster relief programs following a disaster when the task force is activated by the Texas Division of Emergency Management due to a state of disaster being declared because of weather conditions
- Develops recommendations for expediting environmental permit evaluation during disaster recovery to facilitate local entities' access to applicable federal programs and funds
- May use resources of the member agencies in performing its duties

Composition (unspecified number of members): Includes representatives of the following agencies:

- The General Land Office
- The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- The Parks and Wildlife Department
- The Texas Water Development Board
- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- The Department of State Health Services
- The Public Utility Commission of Texas
- The Texas Historical Commission

Pilot Program Work Group for Improving Certain Service Delivery Models (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [House Bill 4533](#), Sections 12-19 and 21

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function: Provides assistance in developing and advice concerning the operation of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) pilot program for improving service delivery models

in connection with the system redesign for the delivery of Medicaid acute care services and long-term services and supports to persons with an intellectual or developmental disability

Composition (unspecified number of members): The executive commissioner of HHSC, in consultation with the Intellectual and Developmental Disability System Redesign Advisory Committee, establishes the work group, which includes the following:

- Representatives of the Intellectual and Developmental Disability System Redesign Advisory Committee
- Stakeholders representing individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability
- Stakeholders representing individuals with similar functional needs as individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability
- Representatives of managed care organizations that contract with HHSC to provide services under the STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care program

Ports-to-Plains Advisory Committee (Texas Department of Transportation)

Legislation: [House Bill 1079](#), Section 1

Effective: June 10, 2019

Function:

- Assists the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in conducting a comprehensive study of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor
- In conjunction with TxDOT, establishes segment committees for each geographic segment along the corridor
- Receives segment committee reports and, with each segment committee, conducts extensive public involvement campaigns for feedback on preliminary recommendations made by the segment committees
- Not later than October 31, 2020, reviews and compiles the segment committee reports and submits to TxDOT the reports, a summary, and any recommendations based on those reports for inclusion in the final TxDOT report on the comprehensive study

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- For each county along the corridor, including the counties along specified possible extensions of Interstate Highway 27, the county judge or the judge's designee who is an elected county official or who is the administrator of the county road department

- For the following municipalities, the mayor or the mayor’s designee who is the city manager or assistant city manager: Amarillo, Big Spring, Carrizo Springs, Dalhart, Del Rio, Dumas, Eagle Pass, Eldorado, Lamesa, Laredo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Sonora, Sterling City, Stratford, and Tahoka

Expiration Date: August 31, 2021

Prescription Data Monitoring Advisory Committee (Texas State Board of Pharmacy)

Legislation: [House Bill 3284](#), Section 3

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Makes recommendations regarding information submitted to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) and access to that information under provisions relating to prescription data monitoring, including recommendations for the following:
 - Operational improvements to the electronic system that stores the information
 - Resolutions to identified data concerns
 - Methods to improve data accuracy, integrity, and security and to reduce technical difficulties
 - The addition of any new data set or service to the information submitted to the TSBP or the access to that information

Composition (at least 12 members): The TSBP appoints the following:

- A physician licensed in Texas who practices in pain management
- A physician licensed in Texas who practices in family medicine
- A physician licensed in Texas who performs surgery
- A physician licensed in Texas who practices in emergency medicine at a hospital
- A physician licensed in Texas who practices in psychiatry
- An oral and maxillofacial surgeon
- A physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse to whom a physician has delegated the authority to prescribe or order a drug
- A pharmacist working at a chain pharmacy

- A pharmacist working at an independent pharmacy
- An academic pharmacist
- 2 representatives of the health information technology industry, at least one of whom is a representative of a company whose primary line of business is electronic medical records

Members serve three-year terms and each member serves until the member's replacement has been appointed. The advisory committee annually elects a presiding officer from its members.

Property Tax Administration Advisory Board (Comptroller of Public Accounts)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 2](#), Sections 6, 13, 36, and 75

Effective: January 1, 2020

Function:

- Advises the comptroller of public accounts with respect to the division or divisions within the office of the comptroller with primary responsibility for state administration of property taxation and state oversight of appraisal districts
- May make recommendations to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the property tax system, best practices, and complaint resolution procedures
- Advises the comptroller regarding the form of a certain notice to property owners of the availability of a certain online property tax estimate
- Performs the following functions previously assigned to the Comptroller's Property Value Study Advisory Group:
 - Advises the comptroller on rules establishing procedures and standards for conducting and scoring biennial reviews of each appraisal district
 - Advises the comptroller on the adoption of rules governing the conduct of a public school district property value study

Composition (at least 6 members): The comptroller appoints members and members should include the following:

- Representatives of property tax payers, appraisal districts, assessors, and public school districts

- A person who has knowledge or experience in conducting ratio studies
- Members serve at the pleasure of the comptroller.

See also Comptroller's Property Value Study Advisory Committee under Abolished Entities.

Rural Hospital Advisory Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1621](#), Section 2

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function: Advises the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on issues relating specifically to rural hospitals. HHSC establishes the advisory committee either as a separate advisory committee or as a subcommittee of the Hospital Payment Advisory Committee.

Composition (unspecified number of members): The executive commissioner of HHSC appoints interested persons.

Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force (Office of the Governor)

Legislation: [House Bill 1590](#), Sections 3-6

Effective: June 4, 2019

Function:

- Develops policy recommendations to allow the state to effectively coordinate funding for services to child and adult survivors and better prevent, investigate, and prosecute incidents of sexual assault and other sex offenses
- Facilitates communication and cooperation between applicable state agencies in order to identify and coordinate state resources available for assisting survivors
- Collects, analyzes, and makes publicly available certain information regarding the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of sexual assault and other sex offenses and services provided to survivors
- Makes and periodically updates recommendations to the attorney general and other appropriate individuals or organizations regarding the collection, preservation, tracking, analysis, and destruction of evidence in cases of sexual assault or other sex offenses
- Advises and provides resources to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and other law enforcement organizations to improve law enforcement officer training related to the investigation and documentation of such cases

- Provides information and resources to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and judges with appropriate jurisdiction to maximize effective and empathetic investigation, prosecution, and hearings
- Makes recommendations as necessary to improve the collecting and reporting of data on the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault and other sex offenses
- Develops a statewide standard for best practices in the funding and provision of services to survivors by nonprofit organizations, health care facilities, public institutions of higher education, sexual assault response teams, and other governmental entities
- Biennially contracts for a survey of the resources provided to survivors by applicable entities in each region of Texas
- Not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, analyzes the survey results and reports its findings and recommendations to the legislature

The task force steering committee has the following specific functions:

- Creates two working groups within the task force focusing, respectively, on survivors who are children and survivors who are adults
- Ensures that the task force identifies systemic issues and solutions pertaining to survivors of all ages
- Ensures that the task force does not unnecessarily duplicate existing standards, information, and protocol
- Reviews and approves all task force reports, recommendations, resources, protocols, advice, and other information before release

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- A 3-member steering committee composed of the following task force members:
 - The governor or governor’s designee
 - The president of the state sexual assault coalition or the president’s designee
 - The president of the statewide charitable organization that has entered into a certain administrative contract with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for purposes relating to children’s advocacy centers, or the president’s designee
- The following additional members:
 - A representative of each state agency that has duties relating to the prevention, investigation, or prosecution of sexual assault or other sex offenses or provides services to survivors, including the office of the attorney general and HHSC
 - The executive director of TCOLE or the executive director’s designee

- The presiding officer of the Texas Forensic Science Commission or the presiding officer's designee
- The division director of the law enforcement support division of the Department of Public Safety with authority over the Crime Laboratory Service or the division director's designee
- The president of the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors or the president's designee
- The president of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association or the president's designee
- The president of the Texas Society of Pathologists or the president's designee
- The president of the International Association of Forensic Nurses Texas Chapter or the president's designee
- A representative from a law enforcement agency, appointed by the steering committee
- A sexual assault nurse examiner representing the interests of health care facilities that perform sexual assault forensic exams, appointed by the steering committee
- Other members considered appropriate by the steering committee

An appointed member serves at the pleasure of the appointing official. The governor is the presiding officer.

The governor is required to implement the legislation establishing the task force only if a specific appropriation is made for that purpose.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2023

Sickle Cell Task Force (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [House Bill 3405](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Raises awareness of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait
- Studies and advises the Department of State Health Services on implementing the recommendations made in the 2018 Sickle Cell Advisory Committee report or another appropriate report
- Not later than December 1 of each year and beginning with an initial report due December 1, 2020, prepares and submits to the governor and the legislature an annual

report summarizing the task force's work and including any recommended actions or policy changes

- May perform additional tasks as assigned by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to accomplish the purposes of the legislation creating the task force

Composition (7 members): The executive commissioner establishes the task force and appoints the following members:

- 2 members from community-based organizations with experience addressing the needs of individuals with sickle cell disease
- 2 physicians specializing in hematology
- 2 members of the public, each of whom either has sickle cell disease or is a parent of a person with sickle cell disease or trait
- 1 representative of a health-related institution

The task force elects a presiding officer from among its membership.

Special Education Allotment Advisory Committee (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [House Bill 3](#), Section 1.026

Effective: June 12, 2019

Function:

- Develops and makes recommendations regarding methods of financing special education under the public school finance system
- Not later than May 1, 2020, and with assistance from the Legislative Budget Board, submits a report on its findings to the lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over public education, including the following components:
 - A description of the current funding methods
 - An analysis of the possible implementation of a financing method based on the services and supports each student receives instead of instructional arrangement
 - Data on current special education expenditures from a representative sample of public school districts
 - Recommendations for improvements to the current funding methods or for the implementation of new methods

Composition (14 members): The commissioner of education establishes the advisory committee and appoints the following members:

- A parent of a student eligible to participate in a public school district’s special education program
- A director of such a program
- A teacher certified in special education
- A diagnostician
- A licensed specialist in school psychology
- A provider of certain related noninstructional services under a district’s special education program
- A district superintendent
- A member of a district board of trustees
- A representative of a disability advocacy organization
- A member of the special education continuing advisory committee
- A teacher certified in general education
- A student eligible to participate in a district’s special education program
- A representative of a regional education service center
- A district official who handles business and finance matters for the district

Expiration Date: September 1, 2021

Stakeholder Work Group on Apprentice and Provisional Court Reporter Certification (Judicial Branch Certification Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 891](#), Section 7.09

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function: Receives input relating to the development of Judicial Branch Certification Commission (JBCC) rules for apprentice court reporter and provisional court reporter certifications

Composition (unspecified number of members): Stakeholders, as established by the JBCC

Stakeholder Work Group on Certain Disciplinary Action Against Shorthand Reporting Firms (Judicial Branch Certification Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 891](#), Section 7.16

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function: Receives input regarding Judicial Branch Certification Commission (JBCC) rules defining the conditions under which a shorthand reporting firm's or affiliate office's repeated failure to fulfill a commitment to provide court reporting services is considered unprofessional conduct and grounds for disciplinary action

Composition (unspecified number of members): Stakeholders, as established by the JBCC

Stakeholder Work Group on the Transfer of Motor Fuel Regulatory Authority (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 2119](#), Section 12. The bill authorizes the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to lead the work group.

Effective: September 1, 2020

Function: Provides input, advice, and recommendations to the Department of Agriculture and TDLR on the orderly transfer of powers, duties, functions, programs, and activities relating to the regulation of motor fuel metering and motor fuel quality, with the work group's scope established by TDLR

Composition (unspecified number of members): TDLR establishes the work group.

Expiration Date: October 1, 2020

STAR Kids Managed Care Advisory Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1207](#), Section 6. See the STAR Kids Managed Care Advisory Committee created by [Senate Bill 7](#), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, which expired on November 1, 2017.

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Advises the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on the operation of the STAR Kids Medicaid managed care program
- Makes recommendations for improvements to the program

Composition (unspecified number of members): Established by the executive commissioner of HHSC

Expiration Date: December 31, 2023

State Flood Plan Implementation Advisory Committee

Legislation: [Senate Bill 8](#), Section 3

Effective: June 10, 2019

Function:

- At least semiannually, reviews the overall operation, function, and structure of the state flood plan and rules adopted by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to implement the plan
- May provide comments and recommendations to the TWDB on any matter
- Makes recommendations regarding information to be posted on the TWDB website

Composition (6 members):

- The chair of the senate committee having primary jurisdiction over water resources, who serves as co-chair
- The chair of the house committee having primary jurisdiction over natural resources, who serves as co-chair
- A member of the senate committee having primary jurisdiction over matters relating to finance, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- A member of the house committee having primary jurisdiction over appropriations, appointed by the speaker of the house
- A representative of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), chosen by TDEM
- A representative of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, chosen by the board

Expiration Date: September 1, 2021

Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [House Bill 2813](#), Section 1

Effective: June 10, 2019

Function:

- Ensures a strategic statewide approach to behavioral health services
- Develops and monitors the implementation of a five-year statewide behavioral health strategic plan
- Develops a biennial coordinated statewide behavioral health expenditure proposal
- Annually publishes an updated inventory of state-funded behavioral health programs and services that includes a description of how those programs and services further the purpose of the strategic plan
- May facilitate opportunities to increase collaboration for the effective expenditure of available federal and state funds for behavioral and mental health services

Composition (at least 20 members): At least one representative designated by each of the following entities:

- The governor's office
- The Texas Veterans Commission
- The Health and Human Services Commission
- The Department of State Health Services
- The Department of Family and Protective Services
- The Texas Civil Commitment Office
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler
- The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
- The Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- The Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments
- The Commission on Jail Standards
- The Texas Indigent Defense Commission

- The court of criminal appeals
- The Texas Juvenile Justice Department
- The Texas Military Department
- The Texas Education Agency
- The Texas Workforce Commission
- The Health Professions Council, representing the following constituent entities:
 - The State Board of Dental Examiners
 - The Texas State Board of Pharmacy
 - The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
 - The Texas Optometry Board
 - The Texas Board of Nursing
 - The Texas Medical Board
- The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

The coordinating council may authorize another state agency or institution that provides specific behavioral health services with the use of appropriated money to designate a representative as a member. The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission determines the number of representatives that each entity may designate.

A council member serves at the pleasure of the designating entity. The mental health statewide coordinator serves as the presiding officer.

Statewide Meta Majors Advisory Committee (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 25](#), Section 9

Effective: June 14, 2019

Function:

- Assists the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in completing a study and report regarding the feasibility of implementing statewide meta majors for public institutions of higher education
- Provides the coordinating board with subject matter expertise and analysis

- Studies and makes recommendations to the coordinating board regarding the effectiveness of certain statutory requirements regarding the transfer of core curriculum course credit between public institutions of higher education
- Each quarter ending before November 1, 2020, which is the deadline for the coordinating board's completed report, submits a progress report on the study and recommendations to the chairs of the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over higher education

Composition (unspecified number of members): The coordinating board appoints the following in equal numbers:

- Representatives of public junior colleges designated by the applicable college
- Representatives of general academic teaching institutions designated by the applicable institution, a majority of whom must represent institutions with a qualifying proportion of transfer students

The coordinating board must ensure that the membership of the advisory committee is balanced with respect to institutional representation, representation of faculty and administrators at the applicable types of institutions, representation of academic disciplines, and any other factors the coordinating board determines relevant.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2021

Statewide Telehealth Center for Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Examination (Office of the Attorney General)

Legislation: [House Bill 8](#), Section 9; [Senate Bill 71](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Expands access to sexual assault nurse examiners for underserved populations through telehealth services
- May facilitate the provision of certain training, technical assistance, consultation services, or guidance by a sexual assault nurse examiner to another sexual assault examiner, either in person or through telecommunications or information technology
- May facilitate the use of telehealth services during a forensic medical examination on a survivor, subject to certain conditions
- May deliver other services as requested by the attorney general

Composition (unspecified number of members): As implemented by the attorney general in consultation with specified experts and entities

Suicide Prevalence and Prevention Stakeholder Work Group (Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council)

Legislation: [House Bill 3980](#), Section 4

Effective: June 14, 2019

Function: Assists member agencies of the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council in preparing an interim legislative report on suicide in Texas

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- A representative of a nonprofit group that coordinates a multisector network of state and community-based suicide prevention groups and that assists with the development, implementation, and monitoring of a statewide community-based suicide prevention plan
- A representative of a local mental health authority with experience in suicide prevention and postvention activities
- Representatives of groups with experience in suicide prevention and postvention activities in the following contexts:
 - In a rural community, a suburban community, and an urban community
 - With military and veteran service members and their families
 - In adult and juvenile justice settings
- Persons involved in suicide prevention and postvention activities who have lived through the experience of surviving a suicide attempt or have lost a family member to suicide
- A representative of any other group identified by the coordinating council

Expiration Date: December 1, 2020

See also Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council under New Entities.

Task Force on Detention Standards for Persons With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (Commission on Jail Standards)

Legislation: [House Bill 3116](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Conducts a comprehensive study on best practice standards for the detention of a person with an intellectual or developmental disability, which must identify and make recommendations regarding the following aspects of the subject:
 - Current policies and procedures
 - Barriers to accommodations and justice
 - Best practices used in other states
 - Policies that would improve jail standards
 - Any other issue the task force considers appropriate
- Prepares a written report that includes a description of the task force's activities, the task force's findings and recommendations, any proposals for legislation, a statewide implementation plan for the best practice standards that were identified, and any other matter the task force considers appropriate
- Not later than December 1, 2020, submits the report to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and presiding officers of the senate and house standing committees having primary jurisdiction over criminal justice

Composition (at least 8 members): The Commission on Jail Standards appoints the following:

- 1 representative of the Commission on Jail Standards, who serves as the presiding officer
- 1 representative of a statewide organization that advocates for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- 1 representative of a city or county governmental agency that supports persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- 1 representative of a city or county governmental agency that provides mental health services
- 1 representative of a statewide organization that represents municipalities
- 1 representative of a statewide organization that represents corrections professionals
- 1 representative of a law enforcement entity
- 1 representative of a county jail

Expiration Date: September 1, 2021

Task Force on Disaster Issues Affecting Persons Who Are Elderly and Persons With Disabilities

Legislation: [Senate Bill 982](#), Section 2

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Studies methods to more effectively assist persons who are elderly and persons with disabilities during a disaster or emergency evacuation and to more effectively accommodate those populations in emergency shelters
- Conducts an interim study on more effectively accommodating those populations during such an event that examines and makes recommendations on the following issues:
 - The advance provision of informational materials
 - The accessibility of transportation and medical supplies
 - Different solutions appropriate to rural or urban areas
 - Effective communication with those populations during a disaster
 - The availability of volunteer assistance
- Not later than December 1, 2020, submits a report on the study and task force recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and each member of the legislature

Composition (11 members): The governor appoints the following:

- 3 members who are first responders
- 1 member who represents municipalities
- 1 member who represents counties
- 6 members who represent persons with disabilities

Members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of three or four members expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The governor designates one member as presiding officer, who serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

A majority of the members must be persons with disabilities or guardians of children with disabilities.

Task Force on Faith-Based Disaster Response (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

Legislation: [House Bill 3616](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: June 14, 2019

Function:

- Assists the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) by studying the participation of faith-based organizations in disaster response
- Develops and implements a plan for improving data collection regarding faith-based organizations that participate in disaster response
- Develops best practices for communicating, cooperating, and collaborating with faith-based organizations to strengthen disaster response in Texas
- Identifies and addresses inefficiencies in disaster response provided by the state and faith-based organizations and gaps in state services that could be provided by the organizations
- Not later than December 1, 2020, submits to the governor and the legislature a report of the task force's activities and any recommendations for legislative or other action

Composition (unspecified number of members): The chief of TDEM appoints representatives of faith-based organizations active in disaster response and determines the number of members to ensure effective representation of applicable organizations.

The task force, at its initial meeting, selects a presiding officer and may select an assistant presiding officer and secretary from among its members. The chief of TDEM is designated as the interim presiding officer for purposes of calling and conducting the initial meeting.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2021

Technical Advisory Committee for Assessment Instruments (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [House Bill 3906](#), Section 4

Effective: June 14, 2019

Function: Advises the commissioner of education and the Texas Education Agency regarding the development of valid and reliable statewide standardized tests

Composition (unspecified number of members): The commissioner appoints experts on educational assessments and psychometrics.

See also Educator Advisory Committee for Assessment Instruments in the New Entities section.

Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council

Legislation: [House Bill 1501](#), Articles 1-4

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Performs functions transferred from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, and the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
- In conjunction with the applicable regulatory boards, adopts a transition plan that provides for the orderly transfer of each regulatory program to the executive council to be completed on or before August 31, 2020

Composition (9 members):

- 1 marriage and family therapist member and 1 public member of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, each appointed by that board
- 1 licensed professional counselor member and 1 public member of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, each appointed by that board
- 1 psychologist member and 1 public member of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, each appointed by that board
- 1 social worker member and 1 public member of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, each appointed by that board
- 1 public member appointed by the governor

The appointing authorities must appoint the members not later than December 1, 2019. The member appointed by the governor is the presiding officer and serves a six-year term. The remaining members serve two-year staggered terms, with four members' terms expiring on February 1 of each year.

Appointments must be made without regard to the appointee's race, color, disability, sex, age, religion, or national origin.

An appointee must complete a certain training program before the appointee may vote, deliberate, or be counted as a member in attendance at a meeting.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2029, unless continued in existence as provided by the Texas Sunset Act

See also Texas Behavioral Health Incubation Task Force under New Entities.

Texas Behavioral Health Incubation Task Force (Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council)

Legislation: [House Bill 1501](#), Section 4.006

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Assists in the establishment of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council and the transfer of certain regulatory programs from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, and the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners to the executive council
- Provides guidance to the executive council regarding hiring the executive director, developing functional alignments within the organizational structure, establishing any necessary accounts and reporting requirements, and seeking input from interested parties throughout the transfer
- Provides guidance to the transferring entities and the executive council regarding the efficient transfer of necessary data and the revision of existing rules to align with the executive council's administrative structure

Composition (6 members):

- The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission or the executive commissioner's designee
- The executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation or the executive director's designee
- The executive director of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
- A representative of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
- A representative of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors
- A representative of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners

See also Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council under New Entities.

Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium

Legislation: [Senate Bill 11](#), Sections 22 and 28

Effective: June 6, 2019

Function:

- Leverages the expertise and capacity of the participating health-related institutions of higher education to address urgent mental health challenges and improve the mental health care system in Texas in relation to children and adolescents
- Enhances the state's ability to address mental health care needs of children and adolescents through collaboration of the participating institutions
- Establishes a network of comprehensive child psychiatry access centers that meet certain criteria
- Establishes or expands telemedicine or telehealth programs for identifying and assessing behavioral health needs and providing access to mental health care services, with a focus on the behavioral health needs of at-risk children and adolescents
- Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, prepares and submits to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and standing committees of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over behavioral health issues a report outlining the consortium's activities, objectives, and legislative recommendations and certain funding awarded by the executive committee

The consortium is required to implement the legislation establishing its functions only if a specific appropriation is made for that purpose.

Composition (at least 18 member entities):

- The following health-related institutions of higher education:
 - Baylor College of Medicine
 - Texas A&M University System Health Science Center
 - Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
 - Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso
 - University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth
 - The Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin
 - The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
 - The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

- The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
- The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler
- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
- The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 3 nonprofit organizations that focus on mental health care, designated by a majority of the participating health-related institutions of higher education
- Any other entity that the executive committee of the consortium considers necessary

Executive Committee

Function: Governs the consortium and performs the following specific functions:

- Coordinates the provision of funding to the participating health-related institutions of higher education
- Establishes procedures and policies for the administration of funds and establishes certain compliance-related procedures
- Monitors funding and agreements to ensure that funding recipients comply with applicable terms and conditions
- May provide funding to a participating health-related institution of higher education for certain purposes relating to expanding the child mental health workforce

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- The chair of the academic department of psychiatry of each participating health-related institution of higher education or the chair's designee who is a licensed psychiatrist
- 2 representatives of HHSC, appointed by the executive commissioner of HHSC as follows:
 - A representative with expertise in the delivery of mental health care services
 - A representative with expertise in mental health facilities
- A representative of the coordinating board, appointed by the commissioner of higher education
- The following representatives, designated by a majority of the members who are psychiatry department chairs or chairs' designees:

- A representative of each participating nonprofit organization
- A representative of a hospital system in Texas
- Any other representative so designated at the request of the executive committee

The president of each participating health-related institution of higher education may designate a representative in addition to the institution’s psychiatry department chair or chair’s designee.

The executive committee elects a presiding officer from among its membership.

The consortium designates a member of the executive committee to represent the consortium on the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council.

Texas Commission on Judicial Selection

Legislation: [House Bill 3040](#), Sections 1-3

Effective: June 14, 2019

Function:

- Studies and reviews the method by which the following judges and justices are selected for office in Texas:
 - Statutory county court judges, including probate court judges
 - District judges
 - Justices of the courts of appeals
 - Judges of the court of criminal appeals
 - Justices of the supreme court
- In conducting the study, considers the following:
 - The fairness, effectiveness, and desirability of selecting those judicial officers through partisan elections and of selection methods proposed or adopted by other states
 - The relative merits of certain alternative selection methods
 - The merits of using a public member board to nominate or assess the qualifications of candidates
- Not later than December 31, 2020, submits a report to the governor and the legislature on the commission’s findings and recommendations regarding a selection method or methods that ensure a fair, impartial, qualified, competent, and stable judiciary, including specific constitutional and statutory changes that appear necessary from the results of the study

Composition (15 members):

- 4 members appointed by the governor
- 4 members appointed by the lieutenant governor, including 3 state senators with party affiliations as follows:
 - At least 1 state senator who is a member of the political party with which the lieutenant governor is affiliated
 - At least 1 state senator who is a member of another political party
- 4 members appointed by the speaker of the house, including 3 state representatives with party affiliations as follows:
 - At least 1 state representative who is a member of the political party with which the speaker of the house is affiliated
 - At least 1 state representative who is a member of another political party
- 1 member appointed by the chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court
- 1 member appointed by the presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals
- 1 member appointed by the board of directors of the State Bar of Texas

The governor designates the presiding officer.

The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house must coordinate their appointments to ensure that the members reflect, to the extent practicable, the racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of Texas and include attorneys and nonattorneys.

The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System is required to implement the legislation establishing the commission only if a specific appropriation is made for that purpose.

Expiration Date: January 2, 2021

Texas Electric Grid Security Council (Public Utility Commission of Texas)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 475](#), Section 1

Effective: June 7, 2019

Function:

- Facilitates the creation, aggregation, coordination, and dissemination of best security practices for the electric industry

- On request by the governor, the lieutenant governor, or the chair of the house or senate committee having jurisdiction over energy utility regulation, issues to the requestor recommendations regarding certain issues relating to grid security
- May consult and coordinate with certain state and federal entities, members of the electric industry, and grid security experts in carrying out its functions
- May prepare a biennial report outlining grid security response efforts that do not involve classified or highly sensitive, company-specific information and, if applicable, deliver the report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and legislature on or before the December 1 immediately preceding a regular legislative session

Composition (3 members):

- The governor or the governor’s designee
- The presiding officer of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) or the presiding officer’s designee
- The chief executive officer of the independent organization certified as essential to the market structure for the ERCOT power region or the chief executive officer’s designee

The presiding officer of the PUC or that presiding officer’s designee serves as presiding officer of the council.

Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund Advisory Committee
(Texas Water Development Board)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 7](#), Sections 3.01 and 3.05

Effective: June 13, 2019

Function:

- Reviews the overall operation, function, and structure of the Texas infrastructure resiliency fund at least semiannually and may provide comments and recommendations to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on any matter
- Makes recommendations regarding information on the resiliency fund to be posted on the TWDB website
- May submit comments and recommendations to the TWDB regarding the use of money in the resiliency fund and for use by the TWDB in adopting rules
- May evaluate and may provide comments or recommendations on the feasibility of the state owning, constructing, operating, and maintaining flood projects
- If, based on a certain annual report provided by the TWDB, the aggregate level of participation by historically underutilized businesses in flood projects that receive money

from the resiliency fund does not meet statewide annual goals, makes recommendations to improve the participation level

- Not later than the 90th day after the effective date of Senate Bill 7, submits recommendations to the TWDB on the rules to be adopted under provisions relating to flood project funding

Composition (8 members):

- The 7 members of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee
- The chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management, who serves as a nonvoting member

The co-presiding officers of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee also serve as presiding officers of this advisory committee.

Texas Olive Oil Industry Advisory Board (Department of Agriculture)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 743](#), Section 1

Effective: April 25, 2019

Function:

- Assists the Department of Agriculture (TDA) in performing the following duties regarding the olive and olive oil industry in Texas:
 - Assessing the state of the industry
 - Developing recommendations to the commissioner of agriculture and the legislature to promote and expand the industry
 - Identifying and obtaining grants and gifts to promote and expand the industry
 - Developing a long-term vision and marketable identity for the industry that take into consideration future industry development, funding, research, educational programming, risk management, and marketing
- Reviews and provides guidance on rules impacting the industry

Composition (9 members): The commissioner of agriculture appoints the following:

- 5 members who are olive growers, one representing each of the five established olive-growing regions of Texas, as determined by the commissioner
- 1 representative of infrastructure who is engaged in harvesting, milling, or agritourism
- 1 researcher or educator who is employed by a public institution of higher education

- 1 representative from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- 1 representative from the TDA

The members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of three members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

The advisory board elects a presiding officer from among its members.

Texas Privacy Protection Advisory Council

Legislation: [House Bill 4390](#), Section 2

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Studies and evaluates the laws of Texas, other states, and relevant foreign jurisdictions that govern the privacy and protection of information that identifies or is linked or reasonably linkable to a specific individual, device, or household
- Makes recommendations to members of the legislature on specific statutory changes that appear necessary from the results of the study
- Not later than September 1, 2020, reports its findings and recommendations to the members of the legislature

Composition (15 members):

- 5 members appointed by the governor as follows:
 - 3 representatives of an applicable industry
 - 2 members who meet either of the following qualifications:
 - A representative of a nonprofit organization that studies or evaluates data privacy laws from the perspective of individuals whose information is collected or processed by businesses
 - A professor who teaches at a law school in Texas or another public institution of higher education and has published books or scholarly articles on data privacy
- 5 members appointed by the lieutenant governor as follows:
 - 2 representatives of an applicable industry
 - 3 state senators
- 5 members appointed by the speaker of the house as follows:

- 2 representatives of an applicable industry
- 3 state representatives

Members must be Texas residents. The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house each designate a co-chair from among their appointees who are legislators.

The appointing authorities must make their respective appointments representing industry from among certain specified industries and must coordinate those appointments to avoid overlap in representation. Members must be appointed not later than the 60th day after the effective date of House Bill 4390.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2020

Texas Private Security Advisory Committee (Public Safety Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 616](#), Sections 5.001, 5.004-5.015, and 5.115

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function: Provides advice and recommendations to the Department of Public Safety and the Public Safety Commission on technical matters relevant to the administration of the Private Security Act and the regulation of private security industries

Composition (7 members): The Public Safety Commission appoints the following:

- 3 public members, each of whom is a United States citizen
- 1 member who is licensed as a private investigator
- 1 member who is licensed as an alarm systems company
- 1 member who is licensed as the owner or operator of a guard company
- 1 member who is licensed as a locksmith

The members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of two or three members expiring on January 31 of each odd-numbered year.

The commission designates one member as presiding officer to serve in that capacity at the will of the commission. The advisory committee elects from among its members an assistant presiding officer and a secretary, who serve two-year terms.

Advisory committee members must be appointed and the presiding officer must be designated without regard to race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

See also Texas Private Security Board under Abolished Entities.

Texas Veterans County Service Officer Task Force (Texas Veterans Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 2104](#), Section 3

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Studies the impact and efficacy of veterans county service officers and assistant veterans county service officers in Texas
- Examines the role and duties of those officers in each county and identifies the regions of Texas that are in need of such officers
- Determines types and levels of support needed from the state in order for those officers to appropriately advocate for the veterans they serve
- Makes recommendations regarding the issues studied by the task force for inclusion in a Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) interim report to be submitted to the applicable legislative committees not later than December 1, 2020, and approves that TVC report by a majority vote

Composition (9 members):

- The chair of the House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs, who serves as co-chair of the task force
- The chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security, who serves as co-chair of the task force
- A representative of the TVC
- The chair of the Veterans County Service Officer Advisory Committee
- A representative of the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations
- 2 veterans county service officers selected by the chair of the House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs and representing, respectively, a rural county and an urban county
- 2 veterans county service officers selected by the chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security and representing, respectively, a rural county and an urban county

Expiration Date: January 1, 2021

Unmanned Aircraft Study Group (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

Legislation: [House Bill 2340](#), Section 2

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Studies issues related to the appropriate use of unmanned aircraft in disaster response and recovery, including strategies for coordinating and promoting their use among state agencies, local governments, and private entities and recommended changes to state law that would allow their more effective use
- Not later than November 1, 2020, submits a report on its recommendations to each member of the legislature

Composition (unspecified number of members): The chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) appoints the following:

- Representatives of TDEM
- Representatives from public institutions of higher education
- Other appropriate interested persons

Expiration Date: January 1, 2021

Wet Debris Study Group (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

Legislation: [House Bill 5](#), Section 1, and [Senate Bill 6](#), Section 2. Provisions of these bills relating to the study group's function are substantially the same, except as noted.

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Studies issues related to best practices for clearing wet debris after a disaster, with House Bill 5 also requiring the study of best practices for determining responsibility for wet debris removal and with Senate Bill 6 also requiring the study of issues related to preventing the creation of wet debris and specifying certain issues included in the best practices for clearing wet debris
- Not later than November 1, 2020, reports the study group's recommendations to each member of the legislature

Composition (unspecified number of members): Includes representatives of the following groups:

- The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)
- Any other state agencies selected by TDEM
- Local and federal governmental entities

The TDEM chief serves as chair.

Expiration Date: January 1, 2021

See also Wet Debris Work Group under New Entities.

Wet Debris Work Group (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 799](#), Section 7

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Conducts a study that fulfills the following objectives:
 - Identifies certain category and jurisdiction information, applicable funding sources, and issues that impede wet debris removal
 - Provides recommendations for minimizing such impediments; clarifying local, state, federal, and private entities' roles and responsibilities for wet debris removal; and educating interested persons on the results of the study
- Not later than November 1, 2020, reports the results of the study to each member of the legislature

Composition (unspecified number of members): Includes representatives of the following groups:

- The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)
- Any other state agencies selected by TDEM
- Local and federal governmental entities

The TDEM chief serves as chair.

Expiration Date: January 1, 2021

See also Wet Debris Study Group under New Entities.

Windstorm Insurance Legislative Funding and Funding Structure Oversight Board

Legislation: [House Bill 1900](#), Sections 11 and 14

Effective: June 10, 2019

Function:

- Gathers information regarding how the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association's (TWIA) current funding and funding structure operate, how the catastrophic risk pools of other states operate, and other information that the board considers necessary to prepare its required report
- Holds public meetings to hear testimony regarding recommendations and proposals for establishing and implementing sustainable funding and a sustainable funding structure for TWIA
- Prepares a report that meets certain specifications on the board's findings and recommendations and delivers the report, not later than November 15, 2020, to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house
- Conducts a study, taking into consideration certain information, to evaluate a merger of TWIA and the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plan and submits a report of that study, including findings and legislative recommendations, to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and Texas Department of Insurance not later than January 1, 2021

Composition (8 members):

- 4 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor, including the chairperson of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee, who serves as co-chair of the board
- 4 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

Expiration Date: September 1, 2021

Work Group for Developing Title Application Forms for Certain Off-Highway Vehicles (Comptroller of Public Accounts)

Legislation: [House Bill 1543](#), Sections 2 and 5

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function: Assists the comptroller of public accounts in developing title application forms that reflect use tax documentation requirements for off-highway vehicles of certain model years that are purchased from retailers located outside Texas

Composition (unspecified number of members): As determined by the comptroller and the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas

Expiration Date: April 1, 2020

Work Group on Incentivizing the Purchase of Texas-Grown Fruits and Vegetables Under SNAP (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1834](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Assists the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) with a required study on programs in Texas that provide incentives for the purchase under the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) of eligible fruits or vegetables harvested or processed in Texas
- Provides input for the establishment of a pilot program in one or more geographic areas of Texas through which a SNAP recipient may receive an incentive when purchasing eligible fruits or vegetables from a retailer, if HHSC elects to establish the pilot program
- As applicable, assists HHSC in developing any necessary federal waiver applications and in applying for any available federal money to operate the pilot program

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- Relevant stakeholders from rural and urban areas throughout Texas who have expertise in providing incentives under SNAP
- At least 1 member with direct marketing representative experience in operating a program comparable to such an incentive program

The work group is established by HHSC. The executive commissioner of HHSC appoints one member to serve as presiding officer.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2021

Work Group on Local Restrictions that Impede Disaster Recovery Efforts (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

Legislation: [House Bill 5](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function:

- Studies local restrictions that impede disaster recovery efforts, including efforts to remove debris and erect short-term housing, and includes the following in the study:
 - An overview of official actions by governing bodies of political subdivisions and requirements imposed by deed restrictions or property owners' associations that impede state or federal disaster recovery efforts
 - Recommendations for minimizing the effect of those actions on such efforts
- Not later than November 1, 2020, reports the study results to the members of the legislature

Composition (unspecified number of members): Representatives of the following groups:

- The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)
- Any other state agencies selected by TDEM
- Local governmental entities

The chief of TDEM serves as chair.

Expiration Date: January 1, 2021

Work Group on the Creation of a Defense from Liability for Persons Engaged in Certain Recycling Transactions (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality)

Legislation: [House Bill 3224](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function: Assists the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in proposing legislative recommendations based on a study on the potential impacts of creating a defense to liability under the Solid Waste Disposal Act for persons engaged in certain recycling transactions who would not be liable for the applicable solid waste under federal law

Composition (unspecified number of members): Membership must include industry stakeholders

TCEQ establishes the work group.

Expiration Date: August 31, 2021

Renamed Entities

Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (Department of Information Resources)

Previous Name: Information Sharing and Analysis Center

Legislation: [Senate Bill 64](#), Section 10

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function (revised): Revised to include local governments, public and private institutions of higher education, and the private sector among the information-sharing entities for which the organization provides a forum

Composition (revised - unspecified number of members): Revised to remove the requirement for the Department of Information Resources to appoint persons from appropriate state agencies as representatives

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (Texas Department of Motor Vehicles)

Previous Name: Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority

Legislation: [Senate Bill 604](#), Article 5

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function (revised): Revised to specify that fraud-related motor vehicle crime is within the scope of criminal activity that the authority's activities seek to prevent or reduce, as applicable

Composition (unchanged - 7 members):

- 6 members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, as follows:
 - 2 representatives of motor vehicle insurance consumers
 - 2 representatives of insurance companies writing motor vehicle insurance in Texas
 - 2 representatives of law enforcement
- The public safety director or the director's designee

The members appointed by the governor serve staggered six-year terms, with two of those members' terms expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The governor designates a member as the presiding officer, who serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor. Appointments must be made without regard to race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointees.

Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Previous Name: Texas Board of Professional Engineers

Legislation: [House Bill 1523](#), Articles 1 and 3

Effective: September 1, 2019

Function (revised): Revised to reflect the addition of powers and duties relating to the regulation of the land surveying profession that are transferred from the abolished Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying

Composition (revised - 10 members): Revised to add one land surveyor and remove one engineer from among the nine members appointed by the governor and to add the commissioner of the General Land Office (GLO), or the commissioner's designated director of surveying who is a licensed state land surveyor employee of the GLO, as an ex officio, nonvoting member

See also Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying under Abolished Entities.

Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee (Department of State Health Services)

Previous Name: Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force

Legislation: [Senate Bill 750](#), Sections 4-22 and 25, and [Senate Bill 748](#), Section 4

Effective: June 10, 2019, for Senate Bill 750, and September 1, 2019, for Senate Bill 748

Function (revised):

- Studies and reviews the following:
 - Cases of pregnancy-related deaths
 - Trends, rates, or disparities in pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity
 - Health conditions and factors that disproportionately affect the most at-risk population

- Best practices and programs operating in other states that have reduced rates of pregnancy-related deaths
- Compares rates of pregnancy-related deaths based on the socioeconomic status of the mother
- Determines the feasibility of the review committee studying cases of severe maternal morbidity
- Under Senate Bill 748, annually collects certain statistical information relating to maternity care and postpartum depression in Texas
- In consultation with the Perinatal Advisory Council, makes recommendations to help reduce the incidence of pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity in Texas
- With the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), may consult with relevant experts, stakeholders, and representatives of state professional associations and organizations and, not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year, must submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and appropriate committees of the legislature a joint report on the review committee's findings and recommendations

Composition (unchanged - 17 members):

- 15 members appointed by the commissioner of state health services as follows:
 - 4 physicians specializing in obstetrics, at least one of whom is a maternal fetal medicine specialist
 - 1 certified nurse-midwife
 - 1 registered nurse
 - 1 nurse specializing in labor and delivery
 - 1 physician specializing in family practice
 - 1 physician specializing in psychiatry
 - 1 physician specializing in pathology
 - 1 epidemiologist, biostatistician, or researcher of pregnancy-related deaths
 - 1 social worker or social service provider
 - 1 community advocate in a relevant field
 - 1 medical examiner or coroner responsible for recording deaths
 - 1 physician specializing in critical care
- 1 representative of DSHS family and community health programs

- The state epidemiologist for DSHS or the epidemiologist's designee

In appointing members, the commissioner must:

- Include members working in and representing communities that are diverse with regard to race, ethnicity, immigration status, and English proficiency and members from differing geographic regions in Texas
- Endeavor to include members who are working in and representing communities that are affected by pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity and by a lack of access to relevant perinatal and intrapartum care services
- Ensure that the composition of the review committee reflects the racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity of Texas

The commissioner appoints a presiding officer from among the review committee members. Members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of four or five members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. A member may serve more than one term.

Expiration Date (revised): September 1, 2027, unless continued in existence as provided by the Texas Sunset Act

Abolished Entities

Advisory Committee on Dissemination of Bacterial Meningitis Information (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [House Bill 3884](#). The entity is abolished in Section 2 by the repeal of Section 38.0025(b), Education Code.

Abolished: June 14, 2019

Function: Assisted the Texas Education Agency in the initial implementation of procedures for the dissemination of bacterial meningitis information by public school districts

Composition: At least 2 members

Advisory Committee on Scholarships for Fifth-Year Accounting Students (Texas State Board of Public Accountancy)

Legislation: [House Bill 1520](#). The entity is abolished in Section 21 by the repeal of Section 901.657, Occupations Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2019

Function: Advised the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy concerning scholarships for fifth-year accounting students

Composition: 8 members

Comptroller's Property Value Study Advisory Committee (Comptroller of Public Accounts)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 2](#). The entity is abolished in Section 91 by the repeal of Section 403.302(m-1), Government Code.

Abolished: January 1, 2020

Function: Advised the comptroller of public accounts on rules governing the conduct of a public school district property value study and, as applicable, on rules relating to a comptroller review of an appraisal district

Function is transferred to the Property Tax Administration Advisory Board.

Composition: 9 members

See also Property Tax Administration Advisory Board under New Entities.

High School Completion and Success Initiative Council (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1376](#). The entity is abolished in Section 4.01 by the repeal of Section 39.402 and certain other provisions of Subchapter M, Chapter 39, Education Code.

Abolished: June 4, 2019

Function: Identified strategic priorities and made recommendations regarding certain high school completion and college and workforce readiness efforts and grant programs

Composition: 9 members

Interagency Obesity Council (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1376](#). The entity is abolished in Section 4.01 by the repeal of Chapter 114, Health and Safety Code.

Abolished: June 4, 2019

Function: Reviewed Department of State Health Services, Department of Agriculture, and Texas Education Agency programs relating to obesity prevention and the promotion of better health and nutrition and created an associated public health awareness plan

Composition: 3 members

San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board (Parks and Wildlife Department)

Legislation: [House Bill 1422](#). The entity is abolished in Section 12 by the repeal of Sections 22.012-22.015, Parks and Wildlife Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2019

Function: Advised the Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) on the proper historical development of the San Jacinto Battleground and reviewed the battleground's policies and operations

Administration of the battleground is transferred from TPWD to the Texas Historical Commission by House Bill 1422.

Composition: 5 members

Select Committee to Determine Sufficient Economic Stabilization Fund Balance

Legislation: [Senate Bill 69](#), Section 2

Abolished: September 1, 2019

Function: Determined and adopted a sufficient balance of the economic stabilization fund for each state fiscal biennium, taking into consideration certain information

Function is replaced by providing for the determination by the comptroller of public accounts of the applicable balance according to a specified formula.

Composition: 10 members

Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying

Legislation: [House Bill 1523](#). The entity is abolished in Section 1.58 by the repeal of Subchapter B and other relevant provisions of Chapter 1071, Occupations Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2019

Function: Regulated the profession of land surveying

Function is transferred to the renamed Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Composition: 9 members

See also Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors under Renamed Entities.

Texas Courthouse Preservation Program Advisory Committee (Texas Historical Commission)

Legislation: [House Bill 1422](#). The entity is abolished in Section 12 by the repeal of Section 442.0081(g), Government Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2019

Function: Assisted the Texas Historical Commission on matters relating to the historic courthouse preservation program

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account Advisory Board (Texas Historical Commission)

Legislation: [House Bill 1422](#). The entity is abolished in Section 12 by the repeal of Sections 442.015(d)-(f), Government Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2019

Function: Recommended rules for administering the Texas preservation trust fund account

Composition: 11 members

Texas Private Security Board (Department of Public Safety)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 616](#), Section 5.115

Abolished: September 1, 2019

Function: Regulated professions relating to private security, including private investigators, private security services, alarm systems and electronic access device professionals, locksmiths, and certain guard and secure transportation services

Function is transferred to the Department of Public Safety.

Composition: 7 members

See also Texas Private Security Advisory Committee under New Entities.

Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners

Legislation: The entity is abolished under Section 1301.003, Occupations Code, which provided for the board's abolition and for the expiration of the Plumbing License Law unless continued in existence under the Texas Sunset Act.

Abolished: September 1, 2019*

Function: Regulated the plumbing profession

Composition: 9 members

*A proclamation issued by the governor on June 13, 2019, suspended Section 1301.003 until May 31, 2021, effectively continuing the entity and the Plumbing License Law until that date.

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