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# Foreword

Between 1997 and 2003, the Texas Legislative Council publication *Summary of Enactments* included a table to indicate statutory state agencies, interagency panels, advisory committees, and other state governmental entities that were created, restructured, or eliminated by the legislature. *New, Renamed, and Abolished State Governmental Entities* replaced the table in 2005 with an expanded format that provides more information about the affected entities and their functions and composition.

The New Entities section provides information on each new entity that has been created. Some of these new entities are tied to the abolishment of another entity but are not considered a renaming or replacement of that entity. Examples are the Texas Juvenile Justice Board and Texas Juvenile Justice Department, which were created as part of the discontinuation of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and Texas Youth Commission. The discontinued agencies are included in the Abolished Entities section with a reference to the new entities.

The Renamed Entities section provides information on each entity that received a name change and indicates whether the entity retained the same functions and composition.

The Abolished Entities section provides information on each entity that was abolished or that was discontinued because the statute creating it was repealed. If functions of the entity were transferred to an already existing entity, that is noted. If the functions were assigned to a new entity described in the New Entities section, that is noted.

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. In some cases, the entity's name reflects its relationship to a state agency. For an entity that has been renamed, the previous name is indicated. For an abolished entity, if its functions are transferred, the entity that assumes those functions 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 functions and composition. The date the provision creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity becomes effective is noted. If creation of the entity is authorized instead of mandated, that is noted. All bills were enacted during the regular session of the legislature unless otherwise noted.

**Function**—Powers and duties of the entity. For entities that have been renamed, if the function has been revised, the function under both the previous name and the new name is included. Information about the transfer of powers and duties 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, the composition of the entity under both the previous name and the new name is included.

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

## New Entities

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### **Advisory Council on Juvenile Services (Texas Juvenile Justice Department)**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 653, Section 1.002; provision for creation is effective December 1, 2011, when the Texas Youth Commission and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission are abolished and the powers and duties of those agencies are transferred to the Texas Juvenile Justice Board and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department

**Function:**

- Assists the Texas Juvenile Justice Department in:
  - Determining the needs and problems of county juvenile boards and probation departments
  - Conducting long-range strategic planning
  - Reviewing and proposing revisions to existing or newly proposed standards affecting juvenile probation programs, services, or facilities
  - Analyzing the potential cost impact on juvenile probation departments of new standards proposed by the Texas Juvenile Justice Board
  - Advising the board on any other matter on the request of the board
- Reports to the Texas Juvenile Justice Board any determinations made by the advisory council

**Composition (13 members total):**

- The executive director of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department or the executive director's designee
- The director of probation services of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department or the director's designee
- The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission or the commissioner's designee
- 1 representative of the county commissioners courts appointed by the Texas Juvenile Justice Board
- 2 juvenile court judges appointed by the Texas Juvenile Justice Board
- 7 chief juvenile probation officers appointed by the Texas Juvenile Justice Board from a list of nominees submitted to the board by each regional chiefs association in Texas to include, to the greatest extent practicable:

- 1 chief juvenile probation officer of a juvenile probation department serving a county with a population that includes fewer than 7,500 persons younger than 18 years of age
- 1 chief juvenile probation officer of a juvenile probation department serving a county with a population that includes at least 7,500 but fewer than 80,000 persons younger than 18 years of age
- 1 chief juvenile probation officer of a juvenile probation department serving a county with a population that includes 80,000 or more persons younger than 18 years of age

Advisory council members, other than ex officio members, serve staggered two-year terms, with the terms of one-half of the members, as nearly as practicable, expiring on February 1 of each year.

## **Alamo Preservation Advisory Board (General Land Office)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 3726, Section 2; creation is authorized, not mandated; authorization is effective January 1, 2012, when the Daughters of the Republic of Texas enter into a contract with the General Land Office for the preservation and maintenance of the Alamo or transfer all powers and duties relating to the Alamo to the General Land Office

**Function:** Provides advice, proposals, and recommendations to:

- Promote and support the Alamo complex
- Provide the resources and support necessary to advance the understanding and education of current and future generations on the historical significance and factual record of the Alamo complex
- Inspire virtues of honor and Texas pride
- Preserve the memory and achievement of individuals who served at the Alamo and provide a fitting tribute to the heroism of the people who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and of the noble men and women of Texas who have served in the armed forces or died while serving in the armed forces to ensure the freedom of the people of Texas
- Promote and provide for the preservation, perpetuation, appropriate publication, and display of manuscripts, books, relics, pictures, oral histories, and all other items and information related to the history of the Alamo complex and of Texas that preserve the historical character of the Alamo shrine
- Promote, counsel, and provide support to governmental and private organizations that are committed to similar objectives

**Composition (unspecified number of members):**

- The commissioner of the General Land Office or the commissioner’s designee, who serves as the presiding officer
- A designee appointed by the governor
- The president general of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas
- The current Alamo chairperson of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas
- The immediate past Alamo chairperson of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas
- The Alamo curator
- 1 representative of the Texas Historical Commission
- The president of the Bexar County Historical Commission
- 1 representative who serves as a member of the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation

The board may include nonvoting members who are interested in the purposes for which the advisory board was established.

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**Appraisal Management Companies Advisory Committee (Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1146, Section 1; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advises the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board and makes recommendations on matters related to the regulation of appraisal management companies under the Texas Appraisal Management Company Registration and Regulation Act

**Composition (3 members total):**

- The assistant presiding officer of the board, who serves as the presiding officer of the advisory committee
- 2 persons appointed by the governor as follows:
  - A controlling person of an appraisal management company registered by the board under this legislation
  - A public member with recognized business ability

Members appointed by the governor serve staggered two-year terms, with the terms of the appraisal management company member and the public member expiring on January 31 of alternating years.

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## **Choose Life Advisory Committee (Office of the Attorney General)**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 257, Section 2; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Assists the attorney general in developing rules that establish guidelines, reporting mechanisms, and other mechanisms relating to the expenditure of money credited to the Choose Life account from the issuance of “Choose Life” license plates
- Reviews and makes recommendations to the attorney general on applications submitted to the attorney general for grants funded with money credited to the Choose Life account

**Composition (7 members total):** Members are appointed by the attorney general. Each member serves a term of four years, with the terms of three or four members expiring on January 31 of each odd-numbered year.

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## **Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee (General Land Office)**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 656, Section 9; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011, when the Coastal Coordination Council is abolished and its powers and duties are transferred to the General Land Office

**Function:** Advises the commissioner of the General Land Office on matters related to the coastal management program

**Composition (12 members total):**

- A representative of each of the following entities designated by the presiding officer of that entity:
  - The General Land Office
  - The Parks and Wildlife Department
  - The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
  - The Railroad Commission of Texas
  - The Texas Water Development Board
  - The Texas Department of Transportation
  - The State Soil and Water Conservation Board
  - The Texas Sea Grant College Program

- The following members appointed by the commissioner of the General Land Office:
  - A city or county elected official who resides in the coastal area
  - An owner of a business located in the coastal area who resides in the coastal area
  - A resident from the coastal area
  - A representative of agriculture

The representative from the Texas Sea Grant College Program serves as a nonvoting member. The commissioner is required to establish by rule the terms of office for and duties of committee members.

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## **Consortium to Assist in Developing an Appraisal and Professional Development System for Principals (Texas Education Agency)**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 1383, Section 3; creation is authorized, not mandated; authorization is effective June 17, 2011

**Function:**

- Assists the commissioner of education in effectively researching and developing a comprehensive appraisal and professional development system for principals
- Evaluates relevant research and practices and makes recommendations to the commissioner to improve the quality of the training, appraisal, professional development, and compensation of principals

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The consortium is composed of nationally recognized experts on educational leadership and policy. The commissioner is required to select a presiding officer of the consortium who is an expert on educational leadership and policy, has a demonstrated ability to lead a statewide school leadership reform initiative, and is not employed by a school district in Texas.

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## **Cybersecurity, Education, and Economic Development Council (Department of Information Resources)**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 988, Section 1; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Conducts an interim study and makes recommendations to the executive director of the Department of Information Resources on improving the infrastructure of Texas' cybersecurity operations with existing resources and through partnerships between

government, business, and institutions of higher education and examining specific actions to accelerate the growth of cybersecurity as an industry in Texas

- Submits a report based on its findings not later than December 1, 2012, to the executive director, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, the higher education committees of the senate and house of representatives, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, the House Technology Committee, and the House Economic and Small Business Development Committee

**Composition (9 members total):**

- 1 representative from the Department of Information Resources
- 1 representative from the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office in the office of the governor
- 2 representatives from institutions of higher education with cybersecurity-related programs
- 1 representative from a public junior college with a cybersecurity-related program
- 1 state military forces liaison experienced in the cybersecurity field
- 3 representatives from chamber of commerce organizations or businesses who have a cybersecurity background

All members are appointed by the executive director of the Department of Information Resources and serve at the pleasure of the executive director. The council elects a presiding officer from among its members.

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2013

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## **Dog or Cat Breeders Act Advisory Committee (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1451, Section 2; provision for creation is effective June 17, 2011

**Function:** Advises the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and makes recommendations on matters related to the administration and enforcement of the Dog or Cat Breeders Act, as added by this legislation

**Composition (9 members total):**

- 2 members who are licensed breeders
- 2 members who are veterinarians
- 2 members who represent animal welfare organizations, each of which has an office based in Texas

- 2 members who represent the public
- 1 member who is an animal control officer

All members are appointed by the presiding officer of the commission with the approval of the commission and serve staggered four-year terms, with the terms of four or five members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The presiding officer of the advisory committee is designated by the commission's presiding officer for a two-year term.

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## **Emergency Communications Advisory Committee (Commission on State Emergency Communications)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1861, Section 3; provision for creation is effective June 17, 2011

**Function:** Assists the Commission on State Emergency Communications if the commission acts to coordinate the development, implementation, and management of an interconnected, state-level emergency services Internet Protocol network

**Composition (at least 3 members):** At a minimum:

- 1 representative from a regional planning commission
- 1 representative from an emergency communication district that provided 9-1-1 service before September 1, 1987, or that had voted or contracted before that date to provide that service
- 1 representative from an emergency communication district in certain counties

The Commission on State Emergency Communications appoints all members in consultation with regional planning commissions and emergency communication districts throughout the state and must ensure that each member of the advisory committee has appropriate training, experience, and knowledge in 9-1-1 systems and network management to assist in the implementation and operation of a complex network.

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## **Equine Dental Provider Advisory Committee (State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 414, Section 27; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advises and assists the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners in adopting rules relating to licensed equine dental providers



**Composition (3 members total):**

- 2 members who are licensed equine dental providers, have resided in and engaged in the practice of smoothing or filing teeth by floating in Texas for the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment, and are of good repute
- 1 veterinarian member who is active and in good standing and who supervises a licensed equine dental provider

All members are appointed by the board's presiding officer for staggered six-year terms, with the terms of the members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The presiding officer of the board designates the presiding officer of the advisory committee.

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**Expert Panel to Advise the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association**  
(Texas Department of Insurance)

**Legislation:** House Bill 3, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 41; provision for creation is effective September 28, 2011

**Function:**

- Advises the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association concerning the extent to which a loss to insurable property was incurred as a result of wind, waves, tidal surges, or rising waters not caused by waves or surges
- Recommends to the commissioner of insurance, at the commissioner's request, methods or models for determining the extent to which a loss to insurable property may be or was incurred as a result of wind, waves, tidal surges, or rising waters not caused by waves or surges for geographic areas or regions designated by the commissioner
- Investigates, collects, and evaluates the information necessary to provide such recommendations

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** Members are appointed by the commissioner of insurance, including one member to serve as the panel's presiding officer. Members must have professional expertise in, and be knowledgeable concerning, the geography and meteorology of the Texas seacoast territory, as well as the scientific basis for determining the extent to which damage to property is caused by wind, waves, tidal surges, or rising waters not caused by waves or surges.

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## High-Performance Building Standards Advisory Committee (Comptroller of Public Accounts)

**Legislation:** House Bill 51, Section 2; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Advises the state energy conservation office under the direction and control of the comptroller of public accounts in selecting one or more high-performance building design evaluation systems to approve for use in the certification of a high-performance building
- Reviews available high-performance building standards and makes recommendations to the office at least once every two years

**Composition (13 members total):** The state energy conservation office appoints the advisory committee, which consists of:

- 1 individual, appointed by the comptroller of public accounts, who represents the state energy conservation office and who serves as the presiding officer of the committee
- 8 individuals with experience and expertise in high-performance buildings or related products, with each individual selected from lists of nominees submitted by certain Texas trade associations in the fields of architecture, building and construction, chemical production, engineering, landscaping, and urban planning
- The director of facilities construction and space management at the Texas Facilities Commission appointed by the executive director of the commission
- 1 representative of the Energy Systems Laboratory of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station of The Texas A&M University System
- 1 individual representing a state agency that has a substantial ongoing construction program
- 1 individual representing the interests of historically underutilized businesses

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## Insurance Adjuster Advisory Board (Texas Department of Insurance)

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 10.001; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Makes recommendations to the commissioner of insurance regarding:

- Matters related to the licensing, testing, and continuing education of licensed adjusters
- Matters related to claims handling, catastrophic loss preparedness, ethical guidelines, and other professionally relevant issues

- Any other matter the commissioner submits to the advisory board for a recommendation

**Composition (9 members total):**

- 2 public insurance adjusters
- 2 members who represent the general public
- 2 independent adjusters
- 1 adjuster who represents a domestic insurer authorized to engage in business in Texas
- 1 adjuster who represents a foreign insurer authorized to engage in business in Texas
- 1 representative of the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas

All members are appointed by the commissioner of insurance.

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## **Interagency Council for Addressing Disproportionality**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 501, Section 1; provision for creation is effective May 21, 2011

**Function:**

- In general:
  - Examines the level of disproportionate involvement of children who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group at each stage in the juvenile justice, child welfare, and mental health systems, including the points of entry, each point at which a treatment decision is made, and the outcomes for the children exiting the system
  - Examines issues relating to the disproportionate delivery of various educational services to children who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group in the education system
  - Makes recommendations to reduce the involvement of children who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group in the juvenile justice, child welfare, and mental health systems and improve the children's success in the education system
  - Assists the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in eliminating health and health access disparities in Texas among racial, multicultural, disadvantaged, ethnic, and regional populations
- In preparation of report:
  - Reviews the delivery of public and private child welfare, juvenile justice, and mental health services to evaluate the disproportionate rates of use of the services by children who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group

- Reviews the delivery of public education services to determine which of those services are delivered disproportionately to children who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group
- Reviews federal, state, and local funds appropriated to address the disproportionate use of children's services by children who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group
- Reviews current best practice standards addressing the disproportionate use of children's services by children who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group
- Examines the qualifications and training of children's service providers and makes recommendations for training curriculum and other necessary changes
- Recommends methods to improve use of available public and private funds to address the disproportionate use of children's services by children who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group
- Provides information concerning identified unmet children's service needs and provides recommendations concerning the development of resources to meet the identified needs
- Examines outcomes for children who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group who have exited or will exit the public and private child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health, and education systems
- Recommends administrative and legislative actions related to appropriate programs and services to reduce and eliminate disparities in the systems and improve the long-term outcomes for children who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group who are served by the systems
- Prepares a report consisting of the council's findings and recommendations and the presentation of an implementation plan to address disproportionate representation of children who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group in the use of children's services and submits that report not later than December 1, 2012, to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the legislature
- Additional duties:
  - Investigates and reports on issues related to health and health access disparities among racial, multicultural, disadvantaged, ethnic, and regional populations
  - Develops short-term and long-term strategies to eliminate health and health access disparities among racial, multicultural, disadvantaged, ethnic, and regional populations
  - Monitors the progress of each health and human services agency in eliminating health and health access disparities

- Advises each health and human services agency on the implementation of any targeted programs or funding authorized by the legislature to address health and health access disparities

**Composition (18 members total):**

- 1 representative from each of the following agencies, appointed by the executive director, director, or commissioner of each agency:
  - The Texas Education Agency
  - The Center for Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities within HHSC
  - The Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
  - The Department of Aging and Disability Services
  - The Department of State Health Services
  - The Department of Family and Protective Services
  - The Texas Youth Commission
  - The Texas Juvenile Probation Commission
  - HHSC
  - The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System
- 1 representative of the office of the attorney general, appointed by the attorney general
- 1 representative of the Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families, appointed by the chair of the commission
- 1 representative of a community-based organization that works with child welfare, juvenile justice, education, or children’s mental health issues, appointed by the executive commissioner of HHSC
- 1 representative of a faith-based community organization, appointed by the executive commissioner of HHSC
- 1 representative of the criminal justice division of the governor’s office, appointed by the governor
- 1 person who is a former foster care youth, appointed by the executive commissioner of HHSC
- 2 representatives of the medical community, appointed by the executive commissioner of HHSC

A representative of an agency appointed to the council must have an overall understanding of the agency’s mission and purpose and substantial experience and expertise relating to

the administration of the agency's policies, programs, and activities. A person appointed to the council must complete a cultural training program approved by the presiding officer of the council. The representative of the Center for Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities serves as presiding officer of the council.

**Expiration date:** December 1, 2013

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## **Interstate Advisory Health Care Commission**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 7, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 12.01; provision for creation is effective September 28, 2011; the commission is established on adoption of the Interstate Health Care Compact by at least two member states and consent of the United States Congress

**Function:**

- Collects information and data to assist member states in the regulation of health care, including by assessing the performance of various state health care programs and compiling information on the prices of health care, and making the information and data available to the legislatures of member states
- May study issues of health care regulation that are of particular concern to member states and make nonbinding recommendations to member states

The commission shall have the responsibilities and duties as may be conferred on it by the respective legislatures of member states in accordance with the terms of the compact.

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The commission consists of members appointed by each member state through a process to be determined by each member state. Each member state may not appoint more than two members to the commission and each commission member is entitled to one vote. The commission may elect from among its membership a chairperson.

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## **Investment Advisory Committee for the Employees Retirement System of Texas**

**Legislation:** House Bill 2193, Section 1; creation is authorized, not mandated; authorization is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Provides advice to the board of trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) on investments and investment-related issues

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** A person appointed to an investment advisory committee by the board of trustees of ERS must have expertise in the management of a financial institution or other business in which investment decisions are made or be a prominent educator in the field of economics, finance, or another investment-related area.

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## Joint Interim Committee to Study the Public School Finance System

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 1, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 57.33; provision for creation is effective September 28, 2011

**Function:** Conducts a comprehensive study of the public school finance system in Texas and makes recommendations to the 83rd Legislature not later than January 15, 2013, regarding changes to the system

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The speaker of the house and the lieutenant governor establish the committee and its composition.

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2013

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## Joint Interim Committee to Study Seacoast Territory Insurance

**Legislation:** House Bill 3, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 60; provision for creation is effective September 28, 2011

**Function:**

- Examines alternative ways to provide insurance to the seacoast territory of Texas, including through a quasi-governmental entity or by providing insurance coverage through a system or program in which insurers in Texas provide insurance in the seacoast territory in proportion to the percentage of insurance coverage provided in other geographic areas of the state
- Studies the residual markets for windstorm and hail insurance in other states to determine if those markets operate more efficiently and effectively than the residual market for windstorm and hail insurance coverage in Texas
- Studies windstorm-related building codes and mitigation strategies to determine which codes or strategies are most effective
- Recommends the following:
  - The appropriate scope of authority and responsibility for the entity to provide insurance to the state's seacoast territory
  - An organizational structure to exercise authority and responsibility over the provision of insurance to the state's seacoast territory
  - A timetable for implementation
  - Specific amendments to state laws and rules that are necessary to implement the committee's recommendations

- Estimates funding requirements to implement the recommendations
- Reports to the governor and the legislature the committee's recommendations not later than December 1, 2012

**Composition (12 members total):**

- 4 members of the senate, appointed by the lieutenant governor, two of whom represent one or more first tier coastal counties and two of whom do not represent a first tier coastal county
- 4 members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house, two of whom represent one or more first tier coastal counties and two of whom do not represent a first tier coastal county
- 4 public members with a background in actuarial science, law, business, or insurance, as follows:
  - 2 members who do not reside in a first tier coastal county, appointed by the governor
  - 1 member who resides in a first tier coastal county, appointed by the lieutenant governor
  - 1 member who resides in a first tier coastal county, appointed by the speaker of the house

The speaker of the house and the lieutenant governor jointly designate a chair or, alternatively, two co-chairs from among the committee membership, one of whom represents or resides in a first tier coastal county.

**Expiration date:** June 1, 2013

**Joint Task Force on the Scope of Practice of Architecture and Engineering** (Texas Board of Professional Engineers, Texas Board of Architectural Examiners)

**Legislation:** House Bill 2284, Section 6; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Makes recommendations to the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners regarding whether certain activities should be within the scope of practice of architecture or engineering, or both

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The task force is composed of members of each board and license and registration holders regulated by each board.

**Expiration date:** August 31, 2013



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## **Judicial Committee for Additional Resources at Trial (Supreme Court of Texas)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 79, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 7.04; provision for creation is effective January 1, 2012

**Function:**

- Determines whether an eligible civil case that is the subject of a request for additional resources from the presiding judge of an administrative judicial region requires additional resources for efficient judicial management in accordance with supreme court rules
- Makes available, on determining that a case will require additional resources, the resources requested by the trial judge to the extent funds are available for those resources under the General Appropriations Act and to the extent the committee determines the requested resources are appropriate to the circumstances of the case

**Composition (10 members total):**

- The chief justice of the supreme court, who serves as presiding officer
- The nine presiding judges of the administrative judicial regions

*See also Task Force on Rules for Additional Resources at Trial (page 35).*

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## **Juvenile Justice Services and Facilities Transition Team**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 653, Section 1.002; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Coordinates and oversees, after September 1, 2011, and before December 1, 2011, the transition of services and facilities from the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and the Texas Youth Commission to the new Texas Juvenile Justice Department
- Provides assistance and advice, after November 30, 2011, and before March 1, 2012, to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and the Texas Juvenile Justice Board in implementing the transition of services and facilities from the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and the Texas Youth Commission to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and prepares and submits to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department a transition plan with short-term, medium-term, and long-term transition goals for the department

**Composition (7 members total):**

- 1 representative of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, appointed by the board of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission

- 1 representative of the Texas Youth Commission, appointed by the board of the Texas Youth Commission
- 1 representative of the governor, who serves as presiding officer
- 1 representative of the lieutenant governor, chosen from a list submitted to the governor by the lieutenant governor
- 1 representative of the speaker of the house, chosen from a list submitted to the governor by the speaker
- 1 member who represents the interests of youthful offenders or the families of youthful offenders, an organization that advocates on behalf of youthful offenders or the families of youthful offenders, or an organization that advocates on behalf of the victims of delinquent or criminal conduct
- 1 member with experience in organizational mergers

All members are appointed by the governor unless otherwise specified. Team members representing the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and the Texas Youth Commission remain on the team after November 30, 2011, regardless of the abolishment of those agencies.

**Expiration date:** March 31, 2012

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## **Medicaid and CHIP Quality-Based Payment Advisory Committee** (Health and Human Services Commission)

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 7, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 1.12; provision for creation is effective September 28, 2011

**Function:** Advises the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on establishing, for purposes of programs administered by the commission or a health and human services agency under the child health plan or Medicaid, the following:

- Reimbursement systems used to compensate physicians or other health care providers under those programs that reward the provision of high-quality, cost-effective health care and quality performance and quality of care outcomes with respect to health care services
- Standards and benchmarks for quality performance, quality of care outcomes, efficiency, and accountability by managed care organizations and physicians and other health care providers
- Programs and reimbursement policies that encourage high-quality, cost-effective health care delivery models that increase appropriate provider collaboration, promote wellness and prevention, and improve health outcomes

- Outcome and process measures that promote the provision of efficient, quality health care and that can be used in the child health plan and Medicaid programs to implement quality-based payments for acute and long-term care services across all delivery models and payment systems, including fee-for-service and managed care payment systems

**Composition (not fewer than 7 members):** The advisory committee is appointed by the executive commissioner of HHSC and consists of physicians and other health care providers, representatives of health care facilities, representatives of managed care organizations, and other stakeholders interested in health care services provided in Texas, including:

- At least 1 member who is a physician with clinical practice experience in obstetrics and gynecology
- At least 1 member who is a physician with clinical practice experience in pediatrics
- At least 1 member who is a physician with clinical practice experience in internal medicine or family medicine
- At least 1 member who is a physician with clinical practice experience in geriatric medicine
- At least 1 member who is or who represents a health care provider that primarily provides long-term care services
- At least 1 member who is a consumer representative
- At least 1 member who is a member of the Advisory Panel on Health Care-Associated Infections and Preventable Adverse Events and who is a professional in quality assessment and performance improvement

The executive commissioner of HHSC appoints the committee's presiding officer.

## Medicaid Reform Waiver Legislative Oversight Committee

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 7, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 13.03; provision for creation is effective September 28, 2011

**Function:**

- Facilitates the design and development of the Medicaid reform waiver required by Chapter 537, Government Code, and facilitates a smooth transition from existing Medicaid payment systems and benefit designs to a new model of Medicaid enabled by the waiver
- Researches, takes public testimony, and issues reports requested by the lieutenant governor or speaker of the house and submits a report to the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house not later than November 15, 2012, that includes:
  - Identification of significant issues that impede the transition to a more effective Medicaid program

- The measures of effectiveness associated with changes to the Medicaid program
- The impact of Medicaid changes on safety net hospitals and other significant traditional providers
- The impact on the uninsured in Texas

**Composition (8 members total):**

- 4 members of the senate, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 4 members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house

Committee members serve at the pleasure of the appointing official. The governor designates a member of the committee as the presiding officer.

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2013

**Metal Recycling Entities Advisory Committee (Department of Public Safety)**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 694, Section 6; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advises the Department of Public Safety (DPS) on matters related to the department's regulation of metal recycling entities

**Composition (12 members total):**

- 1 representative of DPS
- 2 representatives of local law enforcement agencies located in different municipalities, each with a population of 500,000 or more
- 2 representatives of local law enforcement agencies located in different municipalities, each with a population of 200,000 or more but less than 500,000
- 1 representative of a local law enforcement agency located in a municipality with a population of less than 200,000
- 4 representatives of metal recycling entities
- 2 members who represent industries that are impacted by theft of regulated material

All members are appointed by the public safety director to reflect the diverse geographic regions of Texas. The advisory committee elects a presiding officer from among its members to serve a two-year term.

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## Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Council (Health and Human Services Commission)

**Legislation:** House Bill 2636, Section 1; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Develops standards for operating a neonatal intensive care unit in Texas
- Develops an accreditation process for a neonatal intensive care unit to receive reimbursement for service provided through the Medicaid program
- Studies and makes recommendations regarding best practices and protocols to lower admissions to a neonatal intensive care unit
- Submits its findings and recommendations not later than January 1, 2013, to the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the chairs of the appropriate legislative committees

**Composition (13 members total):**

- 4 neonatologists, at least two of whom must practice in a Level IIIC neonatal intensive care unit
- 1 general pediatrician
- 2 general obstetrician-gynecologists
- 2 maternal fetal medicine specialists
- 1 family practice physician who provides obstetrical care and practices in a rural community
- 1 representative from a children's hospital
- 1 representative from a hospital with a Level II neonatal intensive care unit
- 1 representative from a rural hospital

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

**Expiration date:** June 1, 2013

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## Office of Violent Sex Offender Management (Department of State Health Services)

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 166, Section 2; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Performs appropriate functions related to the sex offender civil commitment program provided under state law relating to civil commitment of sexually violent predators, including functions related to the provision of treatment and supervision to civilly committed sex offenders
- Submits a report concerning the operation of the office, including any recommendations that the office considers appropriate, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year

The functions of the Council on Sex Offender Treatment that relate to the sex offender civil commitment program are transferred to the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management.

**Composition of governing board (3 members total):**

- 1 member experienced in the management of sex offenders
- 1 member experienced in the investigation or prosecution of sex offenses
- 1 member experienced in counseling or advocating on behalf of victims of sexual assault

All members are appointed by the governor and serve staggered two-year terms, with two members' terms expiring February 1 of each even-numbered year and one member's term expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The governor designates a member to serve as presiding officer.

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2023, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

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## Parental Rights Advisory Panel

**Legislation:** House Bill 2367, Section 1; provision for creation is effective June 17, 2011

**Function:**

- Studies and provides recommendations to the legislature regarding a parent's right to possession of or access to the parent's child, including interference with that right by the other parent when no court order for possession of or access to a child is in effect or pending and the party allegedly interfering with the rights of a parent is not aware of any plans by the parent to seek an order for possession of or access to a child

- Addresses the desirability of potential Texas legislation:
  - Clarifying a parent’s rights to possession of or access to the parent’s child in the absence of a current or pending court order for possession of or access to the child
  - Creating the offense of depriving a parent of possession of or access to the parent’s child in the absence of a current or pending court order for possession of or access to the child
  - Implementing measures that allow for the establishment of orders of possession of or access to a child while protecting the rights and safety of victims of family violence and the families of the victims
  - Requiring schools to notify the other parent if one parent unenrolls a child from the child’s school
  - Relating to any other matter regarding possession of or access to a child in the absence of a current or pending court order relating to the possession of or access to the child
- Submits a report not later than December 1, 2012, to the legislature outlining the results of its studies and its recommendations for legislation

**Composition (9 members total):** All members are appointed by the governor, who designates one of the appointees as presiding officer.

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2013

## **Partnership Advisory Commission for Facility and Infrastructure Projects**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 1048, Section 1; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advises a participating state agency, including an institution of higher education, on proposals for a qualifying facility or infrastructure project before an agreement is negotiated with a private entity or other persons to develop or operate the project

**Composition (11 members total):**

- The chair of the House Committee on Appropriations or the chair’s designee
- 3 state representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
- The chair of the Senate Finance Committee or the chair’s designee
- 3 senators, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 representatives of the executive branch, appointed by the governor

Legislative members serve on the commission until the expiration of their terms of office or until their successors qualify. Commission members elect from among the legislative members a presiding officer and an assistant presiding officer to serve two-year terms.

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### **Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Support Team** (Department of Aging and Disability Services)

**Legislation:** House Bill 2903, Section 2; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Increases public attention and awareness of the availability of PACE program sites
- Increases the number of PACE program sites operating in Texas
- Serves as a liaison with the state and federal agencies responsible for administering the PACE program, participants in the program, and PACE program sites
- Conducts a study to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a statewide standard reimbursement rate for all PACE organizations and submits to the Health and Human Services Commission, not later than September 1, 2012, a written report containing the findings of the study and the team's recommendations

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The team is established by the Department of Aging and Disability Services and is composed of experienced personnel.

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### **Promotora and Community Health Worker Training and Certification** **Advisory Committee** (Department of State Health Services)

**Legislation:** House Bill 2610, Section 2; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Advises the Department of State Health Services and the Health and Human Services Commission on the implementation of standards, guidelines, and requirements that relate to the training and regulation of promotoras and community health workers
- Advises the department on matters related to the employment and funding of promotoras and community health workers
- Provides to the department recommendations for a sustainable program for promotoras and community health workers consistent with the goal of maximizing the impact of promotoras and community health workers on increasing the efficiency of, quality of, and access to health care services



**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The committee is composed of representatives from relevant entities appointed by the commissioner of state health services. The commissioner appoints a member of the advisory committee as presiding officer.

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## **Public Health Funding and Policy Committee (Department of State Health Services)**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 969, Section 1; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Defines the core public health services a local health entity should provide in a county or municipality
- Evaluates public health in Texas and identifies initiatives for areas that need improvement
- Identifies all funding sources available for use by local health entities to perform core public health functions
- Establishes public health policy priorities for Texas
- Makes formal recommendations at least annually to the Department of State Health Services regarding:
  - The use and allocation of funds available exclusively to local health entities to perform core public health functions
  - Ways to improve the overall public health of citizens in Texas
  - Methods for transitioning from a contractual relationship between the department and the local health entities to a cooperative-agreement relationship between the department and the local health entities
  - Methods for fostering a continuous collaborative relationship between the department and the local health entities
- Files an annual report on the work of the committee with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house not later than November 30 of each year, beginning in 2012

**Composition (9 members total):**

- 2 regional health directors, each of whom is serving as a health authority in a municipality or county
- 1 local health entity representative of a municipality or county with a population of 50,000 or less

- 1 local health entity representative from a municipality or county with a population greater than 50,000 but less than 250,000
- 1 local health entity representative from a municipality or county with a population of at least 250,000
- 2 local health entity representatives, each of whom serves in a municipality or county as the health authority
- 2 representatives of schools of public health at institutions of higher education in Texas

In appointing representatives of local health entities, the commissioner of state health services is required to select members from nominations by associations representing local health departments, county governments, and municipal governments. Committee members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of three members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The presiding officer is elected by a majority vote of all the committee members.

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2023, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

## **Quality Assurance Panel for Workers’ Compensation Medical Case Reviews** (Division of Workers’ Compensation of the Texas Department of Insurance)

**Legislation:** House Bill 2605, Section 24; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Provides an additional level of evaluation in medical case reviews under the Texas Workers’ Compensation Act
- Assists the medical advisor employed by or under contract with the division of workers’ compensation of the Texas Department of Insurance in performing the advisor’s duties and the medical quality review panel in performing that panel’s duties
- Evaluates medical care and recommends enforcement actions to the medical advisor

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The medical advisor establishes the quality assurance panel within the medical quality review panel composed of health care providers who have demonstrated experience in workers’ compensation or utilization review.

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## Rural Health Task Force (Department of Agriculture)

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 1, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 62.09; provision for creation is effective September 28, 2011

**Function:**

- Assists the Texas Rural Health and Economic Development Advisory Council established by the commissioner of agriculture in its efforts to expand and improve access to health care in rural areas of the state
- Develops a statewide rural health plan for Texas that includes strategic initiatives regarding rural health and recommendations for legislation and program development or revision

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The task force is composed of all or a portion of the members of the Texas Rural Health and Economic Development Advisory Council.

*See also Texas Rural Health and Economic Development Advisory Council ([page 47](#)).*

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## Select Committee on Economic Development

**Legislation:** House Bill 2785, Section 3; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Recommends to the legislature an economic development policy for Texas
- Conducts a study and makes recommendations to the legislature regarding state and local economic development incentives
- Develops criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of existing economic development policies and incentives in Texas and makes recommendations the committee considers necessary to improve those policies and incentives, taking into account certain relevant information
- Considers the benefits of consolidating state and local economic development incentives into a single statewide office or agency
- Evaluates existing state or local economic development incentives and makes recommendations regarding the continuation, elimination, or modification of those incentives based on the criteria developed by the committee
- Makes recommendations on whether the state should adopt new incentives to better accomplish the state's economic development policy

- Submits a report of the committee’s findings, studies, and recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and each member of the legislature not later than January 1, 2013

**Composition (12 members total):**

- 4 public members appointed by the governor, two of whom must be owners or employees of a business with significant operations in Texas and one of whom must be a member of the governing body of a municipality or county
- 2 public members appointed by the lieutenant governor, one of whom must be an owner or employee of a business with significant operations in Texas
- 2 members of the senate, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 public members appointed by the speaker of the house, one of whom must be an owner or employee of a business with significant operations in Texas
- 2 members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house

The governor selects the presiding officer of the committee from among the committee members.

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2013

**Sickle Cell Disease Advisory Committee (Department of State Health Services)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 2312, Section 1; provision for creation is effective June 17, 2011

**Function:** Conducts a needs assessment and advises the Department of State Health Services and the administrator of the Sickle Cell Disease Program created by this legislation regarding the needs of individuals with sickle cell trait and sickle cell disease and makes recommendations, including recommendations regarding legislative action, department rules, and program administration

**Composition (11 members, including a program administrator):** Members are appointed by the governor and must be located in geographically diverse areas of the state and interested in and knowledgeable about sickle cell trait and sickle cell disease. In making the appointments, the governor must consider appointing members who are:

- Representatives of a community agency
- State or local officials responsible for public health, social services, or rehabilitation
- Representatives from educational institutions, including schools and universities
- Physicians and other health care providers

- Persons with, or relatives of persons with, sickle cell trait or sickle cell disease

Members serve staggered three-year terms, with the terms of three or four members expiring each year.

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2017, when the law establishing the Sickle Cell Disease Program expires

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## **Specialty Courts Advisory Council (Governor’s Criminal Justice Division)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1771, Section 1; provision for creation is effective June 17, 2011

**Function:** Evaluates applications for grant funding for specialty courts (drug court program, mental health court program, or veterans court program) in Texas and makes funding recommendations to the governor’s criminal justice division

### **Composition (7 members total):**

- 3 members with experience as judges of a specialty court
- 4 members who represent the public

Members are appointed by the governor for staggered six-year terms. The members appointed to represent the public must reside in various geographic regions of Texas and have experience practicing law in a specialty court or possess knowledge and expertise in a field relating to behavioral or mental health issues or to substance abuse treatment.

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## **Task Force to Address the Relationship Between Domestic Violence and Child Abuse and Neglect (Health and Human Services Commission)**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 434, Section 1; provision for creation is effective June 17, 2011

### **Function:**

- Receives reports and testimony from individuals, state and local agencies, community-based organizations, and other public and private organizations, including adult survivors of family violence that have been impacted by child protective services investigations and young adults who as children were impacted by both family violence and child protective services intervention
- Develops policy recommendations for addressing the relationship between family violence and child abuse and neglect and develops comprehensive statewide best practices guidelines for both child protective services and family violence shelter centers
- Prepares a report that includes a description of the activities of the task force, the findings and recommendations of the task force, and any legislation or other matter that the task force considers appropriate

The task force is required to submit its report not later than September 1, 2012, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the appropriate committees of the senate and the house of representatives.

**Composition (at least 18 members):**

- 1 member from the Health and Human Services Commission’s Family Violence Program who is appointed by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission and who serves as the presiding officer
- At least 17 members appointed by the presiding officer of the task force as follows:
  - 1 member from the Department of Family and Protective Services
  - 1 member from a statewide family violence advocacy organization
  - 1 member from a statewide sexual assault advocacy organization
  - 1 member from a statewide advocacy organization that serves abused and neglected children in the foster care system
  - 1 member from a statewide child abuse advocacy organization
  - 1 member from a statewide organization with expertise in the establishment and operation of a children’s advocacy center program
  - 1 member who is a mental health professional with experience working with clients affected by child abuse and domestic violence
  - 1 member who is a judge with experience working with cases involving child protective services
  - 1 member from The University of Texas School of Law domestic violence clinic
  - 1 member from The University of Texas School of Law children’s rights clinic
  - 1 member from each of four different family violence centers reflecting the geographic diversity of Texas
  - 1 member from a legal assistance organization involved with child protection and family violence issues
  - 1 member from the law enforcement community

- 1 member who is a licensed physician who specializes in child abuse pediatrics
- Any other member that the presiding officer determines to be appropriate

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2013

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## **Task Force on Health Information Technology (Office of the Attorney General)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 300, Section 20; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2012

**Function:**

- Develops recommendations regarding the improvement of informed consent protocols for the electronic exchange of protected health information, the improvement of patient access to and use of electronically maintained and disclosed protected health information for the purpose of personal health and coordination of health care services, and any other critical issues, as determined by the task force, related to the exchange of protected health information
- Not later than January 1, 2014, submits to the standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over health information technology issues and the Texas Health Services Authority a report including the task force's recommendations

**Composition (14 members total):**

- 11 members appointed by the attorney general with the advice of the chairs of the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over health information technology issues, including:
  - At least 2 physicians
  - At least 2 individuals who represent hospitals
  - At least 1 private citizen who represents patient and parental rights
  - At least 1 pharmacist
- 3 ex officio members:
  - The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission or the executive commissioner's designee
  - The commissioner of the Department of State Health Services or the commissioner's designee
  - The presiding officer of the Texas Health Services Authority or the officer's designee

The attorney general appoints a chair of the task force from among its membership. The chair must have expertise in state and federal health information privacy law, patient rights, and electronic signatures and other consent tools.

**Expiration date:** February 1, 2014

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## **Task Force on Improving Relations with Faith- and Community-Based Nonprofits (Health and Human Services Commission)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1965, Section 4; provision for creation is effective June 17, 2011

**Function:**

- Helps the interagency coordinating group for faith- and community-based initiatives to:
  - Develop and implement a plan for improving contracting relationships between state agencies and faith- and community-based organizations
  - Develop best practices for cooperating and collaborating with faith- and community-based organizations
  - Identify and address duplication of services provided by the state and faith- and community-based organizations
  - Identify and address gaps in state services that faith- and community-based organizations could fill
- Prepares a report describing actions taken or not taken by the interagency coordinating group and includes in the report any recommendations relating to legislation necessary to address an issue identified by the group

The task force shall present its report to the House Committee on Human Services or its successor, the House Committee on Public Health or its successor, and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee or its successor not later than September 1, 2012.

**Composition (7 members total):** 1 representative appointed by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, in consultation with the presiding officer of the interagency coordinating group, from each of the following groups and entities:

- A statewide nonprofit organization
- Local governments
- Faith-based groups
- Community-based groups
- Consultants to nonprofit corporations
- Experts in grant writing



- A statewide association of nonprofit organizations

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2013

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## **Task Force to Reduce Child Abuse and Neglect and Improve Child Welfare**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 1154, Section 1; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Identifies all existing programs in Texas relating to reducing child abuse and neglect or improving child welfare and identifies which of those programs receive state money
- Establishes a strategy for reducing child abuse and neglect and for improving child welfare in Texas, and in establishing that strategy:
  - Gathers information concerning child safety, child abuse and neglect, and child welfare throughout Texas
  - Receives reports and testimony from individuals, state and local agencies, community-based organizations, and other public and private organizations
  - Creates goals for state policy that would improve child safety, prevent child abuse and neglect, and improve child welfare
  - Reviews and revises the strategic plan to accomplish those goals submitted by a previous task force
  - Consults with other agencies and private foundations
- Submits the required strategic plan not later than December 1, 2012, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house

**Composition (9 members total):**

- 7 members appointed by the governor, two of whom must be appointed from a list of candidates submitted by the speaker of the house
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor

Members must be individuals who are actively involved in the prevention of child abuse and neglect and the improvement of child welfare and represent a diversity of backgrounds. Appointments must be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee. The task force elects a presiding officer by a majority vote of its membership.

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2013

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## Task Force on Rules for Additional Resources at Trial (Supreme Court of Texas)

**Legislation:** House Bill 79, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 7.05; provision for creation is effective January 1, 2012

**Function:** Considers and makes recommendations not later than March 1, 2012, to the Supreme Court of Texas regarding the supreme court's rules for determining whether eligible civil cases pending in trial courts require additional resources for efficient judicial management

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The president of the State Bar of Texas appoints the task force at the request of the supreme court and must ensure that the task force has diverse representation and includes judges of trial courts and attorneys licensed to practice law in Texas who regularly appear in civil cases before Texas courts.

*See also Judicial Committee for Additional Resources at Trial (page 18).*

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## Texas Bleeding Disorders Advisory Council (Department of State Health Services)

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 156, Section 1; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Conducts studies and advises the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the Health and Human Services Commission, and the Texas Department of Insurance on:
  - Public use data, outcome data, and other information submitted to or collected by DSHS under state law related to hemophilia or other bleeding or clotting disorders and the disclosure and dissemination of that information within and outside DSHS
  - Other issues that affect the health and wellness of persons living with hemophilia or other bleeding or clotting disorders
- Reports council findings and recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year

**Composition (up to 17 members total):**

- 2 nonvoting members: the commissioner of state health services and the commissioner of insurance, or their designees
- 10 voting members jointly appointed by the commissioner of state health services and the commissioner of insurance as follows:

- 1 member who is a physician licensed to practice medicine in Texas and who at the time of appointment treats individuals with hemophilia or other bleeding or clotting disorders
- 1 member who is a licensed nurse and who at the time of appointment treats individuals with hemophilia or other bleeding or clotting disorders
- 1 member who is a licensed social worker and who at the time of appointment treats individuals with hemophilia or other bleeding or clotting disorders
- 1 member who is a representative of a hemophilia treatment center in Texas that is federally funded
- 1 member who is a representative of a health insurer or other health benefit plan issuer that holds a certificate of authority issued by the Texas Department of Insurance
- 1 member who is a representative of a volunteer or nonprofit health organization that serves residents of Texas who have hemophilia or another bleeding or clotting disorder
- 1 member who has hemophilia or is a caregiver of a person with hemophilia
- 1 member who has a bleeding disorder other than hemophilia or is a caregiver of a person with a bleeding disorder other than hemophilia
- 1 member who has a clotting disorder or is a caregiver of a person with a clotting disorder
- 1 member who is a licensed pharmacist with hemophilia therapy experience and who at the time of appointment represents a pharmacy provider that is not a specialty pharmacy provider participating in the Drug Pricing Program under the federal Public Health Service Act
- Additionally, the commissioner of state health services and the commissioner of insurance jointly may appoint up to 5 nonvoting members, including:
  - Persons with hemophilia or other bleeding or clotting disorders or caregivers of persons with hemophilia or other bleeding or clotting disorders
  - Persons experienced in the diagnosis, treatment, care, and support of persons with hemophilia or other bleeding or clotting disorders

Council members elect a presiding officer from among the voting council members.

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2015

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## **Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services (Texas Veterans Commission)**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 1796, Section 1; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Coordinates the activities of state agencies that assist veterans, servicemembers, and their families
- Coordinates outreach efforts that ensure that veterans, servicemembers, and their families are made aware of services
- Facilitates collaborative relationships among state, federal, and local agencies and private organizations to identify and address issues affecting veterans, servicemembers, and their families
- Submits a report, not later than October 1 of each even-numbered year, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the chairs of the appropriate committees of the legislature detailing the work of the council and any recommendations

**Composition (unspecified number of members):**

- The executive head of the following agencies, or that person's designated representative:
  - The Texas Veterans Commission
  - The Veterans' Land Board
  - The adjutant general's department
  - The Health and Human Services Commission
  - The State Bar of Texas
- May also include the executive head of the following agencies, or that person's designated representative, if the council votes to establish coordinating workgroups on specific issues:
  - The Department of State Health Services
  - The Department of Aging and Disability Services
  - The Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
  - The Texas Workforce Commission
  - The Texas Workforce Investment Council
  - The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (commissioner of higher education)

- The Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments
- The Commission on Jail Standards
- The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- The Office of Rural Affairs

In addition, each member of the council may invite one organization or agency that provides services to veterans, servicemembers, and their families, but that is not otherwise a member of the council, to designate a representative to participate in a coordinating workgroup. The executive director of the Texas Veterans Commission serves as presiding officer of the council.

## **Texas Fusion Center Policy Council (Department of Public Safety)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 3324, Section 6; provision for creation is effective June 17, 2011

**Function:**

- Assists the Department of Public Safety (DPS) in monitoring fusion center activities in Texas
- Develops and disseminates strategies to:
  - Facilitate the implementation of applicable federal standards and programs on a statewide basis by each fusion center operating in Texas
  - Expand and enhance the statewide intelligence capacity to reduce the threat of terrorism and criminal enterprises
  - Continuously review critical issues pertaining to homeland security activities
- Establishes a privacy advisory group, with at least one member who is a privacy advocate, to advise the policy council and to meet at the direction of the policy council
- Recommends best practices for each fusion center operating in Texas
- Submits to the governor and each house of the legislature an annual report that contains, with respect to the preceding year:
  - The council’s progress in developing and coordinating the statewide fusion effort and intelligence network described by the governor’s homeland security strategy
  - The progress made by fusion centers operating in Texas in meeting the fusion center guidelines developed under federal law
  - A summary of fusion center audits or reviews conducted under applicable DPS rules

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** One executive representative from each recognized fusion center operating in Texas

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## **Texas Grain Producer Indemnity Board (Department of Agriculture)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1840, Section 3; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Indemnifies grain producers for economic hardships in the event that a grain buyer is unable to pay the grain producer for the grain producer's grain
- Reviews board expenses, claims made to the board by grain producers, and amounts paid on claims by the board
- Establishes, maintains, or adjusts the rate of assessments collected by grain buyers
- Determines the most effective use of the board's budget to provide protection to grain producers
- Submits an annual report to the commissioner of agriculture that contains a summary of the board's activities and a review of the board's effectiveness and posts the report online on the board's Internet website

**Composition (9 members total):**

- 1 representative of each of the following organizations or their successor organizations who is recommended to the commissioner of agriculture by the board of directors of the organization and appointed by the commissioner:
  - The Corn Producers Association of Texas
  - The Texas Wheat Producers Association
  - The Texas Grain Sorghum Association
  - The Texas Soybean Association
  - The Texas Farm Bureau
- The following members, appointed by the commissioner:
  - 1 representative of the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council or its successor organization
  - 1 representative of the Texas Grain & Feed Association or its successor organization
  - 1 representative of the non-warehouse grain-buying industry
  - 1 member with expertise in production agriculture financing

Members serve staggered two-year terms, and the directors who represent grain producers select a chair and vice chair from among those directors.

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### **Texas High Performance Schools Consortium (Texas Education Agency)**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 1557, Section 1; provision for creation is effective June 17, 2011

**Function:** Informs the governor, legislature, and commissioner of education concerning methods for transforming public schools in Texas by improving student learning through the development of innovative, next-generation learning standards and assessment and accountability systems

**Composition (up to 20 participants):** The commissioner of education may select not more than 20 participants for the consortium from among school districts and eligible open-enrollment charter schools that apply using the form and in the time and manner established by commissioner rule. The districts selected by the commissioner must represent a range of district types, district sizes, and diverse student populations. An eligible open-enrollment charter school must have been awarded an exemplary distinction designation. The number of students enrolled in participating school districts and charter schools may not be greater than a number equal to five percent of the total number of students enrolled in public schools in this state.

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### **Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 2229, Section 1; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Advises the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the development of procedures and guidelines for the Texas HIV Medication Program
- Reviews the program's goals and aims
- Evaluates the program's ongoing efforts
- Recommends both short-range and long-range goals and objectives for medication needs
- Performs any other tasks assigned by the executive commissioner
- Files an annual report not later than March 31 of each year with the commissioner of DSHS that covers the meetings and activities of the committee for the year preceding the date of the report and includes the costs for the committee's existence

**Composition (11 members total):** Members are appointed by the executive commissioner of HHSC as follows:

- 3 physicians who are actively engaged in the treatment of adults who are infected with HIV
- 1 physician who is actively engaged in the treatment of infants and children who are infected with HIV
- 4 consumers who are diagnosed with HIV
- 1 person who is an administrator for a public, nonprofit hospital that provides services to individuals who are infected with HIV
- 1 social worker who works with individuals who are infected with HIV
- 1 pharmacist who participates in the Texas HIV Medication Program

The committee selects a presiding officer and an assistant presiding officer from among the committee members.

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## **Texas Indigent Defense Commission (Office of Court Administration)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1754, Section 1; provision for creation is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:**

- Develops policies and standards for providing legal representation and other defense services to indigent defendants at trial, on appeal, and in postconviction proceedings
- Develops a plan that establishes statewide requirements for counties relating to reporting indigent defense information
- Uses information reported by a county to monitor the effectiveness of the county's indigent defense policies, standards, and procedures and to ensure the county's compliance with the requirements of state law relating to indigent defense
- Submits an annual report regarding indigent defense practices to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the Texas Judicial Council and publishes the report in written and electronic form
- Submits an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board and the council that details all expenditures made by the commission and publishes the report in written and electronic form
- Provides technical support to assist counties in improving their indigent defense systems and promote compliance by counties with the requirements of state law relating to indigent defense



- Assists counties in providing indigent defense services by distributing in the form of grants any funds appropriated for such purposes
- Monitors each county that receives a grant and enforces compliance by the county with the conditions of the grant

**Composition of governing board (13 members total):**

- 8 ex officio members as follows:
  - The chief justice of the supreme court
  - The presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals
  - 1 of the members of the senate serving on the Texas Judicial Council who is designated by the lieutenant governor
  - The member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
  - 1 of the courts of appeals justices serving on the council who is designated by the governor
  - 1 of the county court or statutory county court judges serving on the council who is designated by the governor or, if a county court or statutory county court judge is not serving on the council, one of the statutory probate court judges serving on the council who is designated by the governor
  - 1 other member of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor
  - The chair of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence
- 5 members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate as follows:
  - 1 member who is a district judge serving as a presiding judge of an administrative judicial region
  - 1 member who is a judge of a constitutional county court or who is a county commissioner
  - 1 member who is a practicing criminal defense attorney
  - 1 member who is a chief public defender in Texas or the chief public defender's designee, who must be an attorney employed by the public defender's office
  - 1 member who is a judge of a constitutional county court or who is a county commissioner of a county with a population of 250,000 or more

The governor is required to attempt to reflect the geographic and demographic diversity of the state in making appointments to the board. Members serve staggered two-year terms, with two members' terms expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year and three members' terms expiring February 1 of each even-numbered year. The board selects a chair from among its members.

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

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 7, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 3.01; provision for creation is effective September 28, 2011

**Function:**

- Makes recommendations to the legislature on improving quality and efficiency of health care delivery; improving reporting, consolidation, and transparency of health care information; and implementing and supporting innovative health care collaborative payment and delivery systems
- Studies and develops recommendations for a statewide plan for improving quality and efficiency in the delivery of health care in Texas and for measuring quality of care and efficiency
- Studies and makes recommendations regarding health care payment and delivery systems and methods to evaluate a health care collaborative's effectiveness
- Completes an assessment of all health-related data collected by the state and develops a plan for consolidating reports of health-related data from various sources, improving health care transparency to the public and health care providers, and providing recommendations to the legislature on enhancing existing health-related information available to health care providers and the public
- Studies the feasibility and desirability of establishing a centralized database for health care claims information across all payors
- Develops recommendations in consultation with the Department of State Health Services and the Texas Department of Insurance to submit to the legislature on the establishment of a centralized claims database
- Submits a report regarding recommendations for improved health care reporting to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the chairs of the appropriate standing committees of the legislature not later than December 1, 2012
- Submits a report regarding recommendations for an all payor claims database to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the chairs of the appropriate standing committees of the legislature not later than December 1, 2012
- Submits a report to the legislature not later than January 1, 2013, outlining the results of a study evaluating how the legislature may promote a consumer-driven health care system and examining the issue of differing amounts of payment in full accepted by a provider for the same or similar health care services or supplies

**Composition of governing board (at least 25 members):**

- 15 directors, appointed by the governor
- The following ex officio, nonvoting members:
  - The commissioner of the Department of State Health Services
  - The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
  - The commissioner of insurance
  - The executive director of the Employees Retirement System of Texas
  - The executive director of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas
  - The state Medicaid director of the Health and Human Services Commission
  - The executive director of the Texas Medical Board
  - The commissioner of the Department of Aging and Disability Services
  - The executive director of the Texas Workforce Commission
  - The commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
  - 1 representative from each state agency or system of higher education that purchases or provides health care services, as determined by the governor

The governor is required to appoint as board members health care providers, payors, consumers, and health care quality experts or persons who possess expertise in any other area the governor finds necessary for the successful operation of the institute. Appointed members serve staggered terms of four years, with the terms of as close to one-half of the members as possible expiring January 31 of each odd-numbered year. The governor designates a board member as presiding officer to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2017, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

## Texas Juvenile Justice Board

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 653, Section 1.002; provision for creation is effective December 1, 2011, when the Texas Youth Commission and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission are abolished and the powers and duties of those agencies are transferred to the Texas Juvenile Justice Board and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department

**Function:**

- Oversees the operations of the newly created Texas Juvenile Justice Department and functions as its governing body

- Establishes the mission of the department with the goal of establishing a cost-effective continuum of youth services that emphasizes keeping youth in their home communities while balancing the interests of rehabilitative needs with public safety
- Establishes funding priorities for services that support the mission of the department and that do not provide incentives to incarcerate youth
- Employs the department's executive director and supervises the director's administration of the department

**Composition (13 members total):**

- 1 member who is a district court judge of a court designated as a juvenile court
- 3 members who are members of a county commissioners court
- 1 prosecutor in juvenile court
- 1 chief juvenile probation officer of a juvenile probation department serving a county with a population that includes fewer than 7,500 persons younger than 18 years of age
- 1 chief juvenile probation officer of a juvenile probation department serving a county with a population that includes at least 7,500 but fewer than 80,000 persons younger than 18 years of age
- 1 chief juvenile probation officer of a juvenile probation department serving a county with a population that includes 80,000 or more persons younger than 18 years of age
- 1 licensed adolescent mental health treatment professional
- 1 educator
- 3 members of the general public

All members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate and serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of four or five members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The governor is required to make appointments to the board without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointees. The governor designates a member to serve as presiding officer of the board.

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2017, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

## **Texas Juvenile Justice Department**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 653, Section 1.002; provision for creation is effective December 1, 2011, when the Texas Youth Commission and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission are

abolished and the powers and duties of those agencies are transferred to the Texas Juvenile Justice Board and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department

**Function:**

- Purposes and goals
  - Works in partnership with local county governments, the courts, and communities to promote public safety by providing a full continuum of effective supports and services to youth from initial contact through termination of supervision
  - Creates a juvenile justice system that produces positive outcomes for youth, families, and communities
  - Works toward stated goals for all programs, facilities, and services that are operated, regulated, or funded by the department
- Prevention and intervention services
  - Provides prevention and intervention services for at-risk youth who are six years of age or older and younger than 18 years of age and who are subject to compulsory school attendance or under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and the family of such an at-risk youth
  - Takes other prescribed actions to the extent funds are available
  - May seek, through a competitive process, an independent services provider to provide prevention and intervention services
  - Evaluates periodically the continued effectiveness of prevention and intervention services
- Studies; statistical records
  - May conduct or participate in studies relating to corrections methods and systems and to treatment and therapy programs
  - Continuously studies the problem of juvenile delinquency in Texas and the effectiveness of services provided or regulated by the department and reports the department's findings to the governor and the legislature before each regular legislative session
  - Keeps records relating to juveniles within the juvenile justice system who participate in research programs or studies and submits related reports to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the members of the senate and house of representatives

**Composition:** Not applicable

**Expiration date:** September 1, 2017, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

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## **Texas Rural Health and Economic Development Advisory Council** (Department of Agriculture)

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 1, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 62.09; provision for creation is effective September 28, 2011

**Function:**

- Advises the commissioner of agriculture, the director of the Office of Rural Affairs, and the Office of Rural Affairs on rural policy priorities, including priorities for the use and allocation of federal block grant money in Texas
- Conducts a review of the state's existing rural policies and programs and meets with the representatives of state agencies that administer rural programs as necessary to conduct the review
- Makes recommendations to the Office of Rural Affairs regarding the allocation of federal block grant money in Texas
- Establishes a rural health task force composed of all or a portion of the members of the advisory council
- Develops a rural policy plan not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year that includes:
  - Strategic initiatives for Texas regarding economic development, community development, and rural health, including priorities for the use and allocation in Texas of federal block grant money
  - Recommendations for legislation and program development or revision

**Composition (10 members total):**

- The commissioner of agriculture, who serves as the council's presiding officer and as a nonvoting member
- 1 local official in Texas with health care expertise, appointed by the commissioner
- 1 county official in Texas with health care expertise, appointed by the commissioner
- 1 senator serving a predominantly rural area, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 member of the house of representatives serving a predominantly rural area, appointed by the speaker of the house
- A representative of an institution of higher education in Texas that specializes in public health and community and economic development, appointed by the commissioner

- 4 public members with health care or economic development expertise, appointed by the commissioner

Members of the advisory council serve staggered three-year terms. Commissioner appointees serve at the pleasure of the commissioner.

*See also Rural Health Task Force (page 28).*

## Renamed Entities

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### **Advisory Committee on Medicaid and Child Health Plan Program Rate and Expenditure Disparities Between the Texas-Mexico Border Region and Other Areas of the State (Health and Human Services Commission)**

**Previous Name:** Advisory Committee on Funding Disparities in Health Programs

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 1220, Section 1; the name change is effective June 17, 2011

**Function (unchanged):**

- Develops a strategic plan for eliminating the disparities between the Texas-Mexico border region and other areas of the state in the following:
  - Capitation rates under Medicaid managed care and the child health plan program for services provided to persons younger than 19 years of age
  - Fee-for-service per capita expenditures under the Medicaid program and the child health plan program for inpatient and outpatient hospital services for services provided to persons younger than 19 years of age
  - Total professional services expenditures per Medicaid recipient younger than 19 years of age or per child enrolled in the child health plan program
- Periodically performs the research necessary to analyze and compare those rates and expenditures and, not later than the date specified by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, produces a report based on the results of that analysis and comparison
- Makes recommendations, as part of the report, to the executive commissioner for addressing the problems created by disparities documented in the report, including recommendations for allocation of funds

**Composition (unchanged—9 members total):** The executive commissioner appoints the members in a manner that ensures that the committee represents the spectrum of geographic areas included in the Texas-Mexico border region; includes persons who are knowledgeable regarding the Medicaid program, including Medicaid managed care, and the child health plan program; and represents the interests of physicians, hospitals, patients, managed care organizations, state agencies involved in the management and delivery of medical resources of any kind, affected communities, and other areas of Texas.

**Expiration date (revised):** September 1, 2015



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## **Institutional Review Board for Health Care Data Requests (Department of State Health Services)**

**Previous Name:** Scientific Review Panel

**Legislation:**

- Senate Bill 7, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 7.05; the name change is effective September 28, 2011
- Senate Bill 156, Section 6; the name change is effective September 1, 2011

**Function (revised):** Reviews and approves requests for access to health care data not contained in public use data

**Composition (unchanged—unspecified number of members):** Members must have experience and expertise in ethics, patient confidentiality, and health care data.

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## **Office of Independent Ombudsman for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department**

**Previous Name:** Office of Independent Ombudsman of the Texas Youth Commission

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 653, Section 1.010; the name change is effective December 1, 2011, when the Texas Youth Commission and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission are abolished and the powers and duties of those agencies are transferred to the Texas Juvenile Justice Board and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department

**Function (revised):**

- Investigates, evaluates, and secures the rights of the children committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, including a child released under supervision before final discharge.
- Functions are expanded to include reviewing and analyzing reports received by the department relating to complaints and reporting a possible standards violation by a local juvenile probation department to the appropriate division of the department.

**Composition (unchanged):** The independent ombudsman is appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, for a term of two years.

**Expiration (unchanged):** The Office of Independent Ombudsman is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act), but is not abolished under that chapter.

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

**Previous Name:** Telemedicine Advisory Committee

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 293, Section 6; the name change is effective September 1, 2011

**Function (revised):** Revised to remove the duty relating to evaluating policies for telemedicine medical services or telehealth services pilot programs and conforms language relating to the duty to monitor the types of programs receiving certain reimbursement to reflect the repeal of statutes establishing telemedicine and telehealth pilot programs. Assists the Health and Human Services Commission in:

- Evaluating policies for telemedical consultations
- Ensuring the efficient and consistent development and use of telecommunication technology for telemedical consultations and telemedicine medical services or telehealth services reimbursed under government-funded health programs
- Monitoring the type of consultations and other services receiving reimbursement under state law
- Coordinating the activities of state agencies concerned with the use of telemedical consultations and telemedicine medical services or telehealth services

**Composition (revised—unspecified number of members):** Revised to reflect the addition of representatives of providers of telemedicine medical services, telehealth services, and home telemonitoring services and representatives of state agencies concerned with the use of telehealth consultations and home telemonitoring services in the Medicaid program and the state child health plan program. The advisory committee also must include:

- Representatives of health and human services agencies and other state agencies concerned with the use of telemedical consultations in the Medicaid program and the state child health plan program
- Representatives of health science centers in Texas
- Experts on telemedicine, telemedical consultation, and telemedicine medical services or telehealth services
- Representatives of consumers of health services provided through telemedical consultations and telemedicine medical services or telehealth services



## Abolished Entities

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### **Advisory Council on Continuing Education for Insurance Agents (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advised the commissioner of insurance on the continuing education program for licensed insurance agents. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** 9 members

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### **Coastal Coordination Council**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 656, Section 20; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Administered the Coastal Management Program. Function is transferred to the General Land Office, to be assisted by the new Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee.

**Composition:** 12 members

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### **Consumer Assistance Program for Health Maintenance Organizations Advisory Committee (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Unspecified by statute. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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### **Coordinated Strategic Planning Committee for Juvenile Justice (Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, Texas Youth Commission)**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 653, Section 1.004; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Developed a coordinated strategic plan that guided the strategic plan developed individually by the Texas Youth Commission and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. Function is similar to that of the new Advisory Council on Juvenile Services.

**Composition:** 10 members

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## **Electric Utility Restructuring Legislative Oversight Committee**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 781, Section 1; abolishment is effective June 17, 2011

**Function:** Provided oversight of electric utility restructuring by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

**Composition:** 6 members

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## **Equine Research Account Advisory Committee (Texas AgriLife Research, Texas A&M University System)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 2271, Section 27; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advised and assisted the executive director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, now known as Texas AgriLife Research, in administering the equine research account and making grants. Function is assumed by a peer review committee.

**Composition:** 11 members

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## **Fire Detection and Alarm Devices Advisory Council (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Assisted in the formulation and review of rules relating to fire detection and alarm device installation. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** 7 members

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## **Fire Extinguisher Advisory Council (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Assisted in the formulation and review of rules relating to fire extinguisher service and installation. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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## **Fire Protection Advisory Council (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advised the state fire marshal regarding rules relating to fire protection sprinkler system service and installation. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** 7 members

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## **Fireworks Advisory Council (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Assisted the commissioner of insurance in regulating fireworks and fireworks displays. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** 5 members

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## **Health Disparities Task Force**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 501, Section 3; abolishment is effective May 21, 2011

**Function:** Investigated and reported on issues related to health and health access disparities among racial, multicultural, disadvantaged, ethnic, and regional populations. Function is similar to that of the Interagency Council for Addressing Disproportionality.

**Composition:** 9 members

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## **Health Maintenance Organization Solvency Surveillance Committee (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Assisted the commissioner of insurance regarding the detection and prevention of insolvency problems in health maintenance organizations. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** 9 members

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## **Insurance Adjusters Examination Advisory Board (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advised the commissioner of insurance regarding the scope, time, and conduct of written licensing examinations for insurance adjusters. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance, to be assisted by the new Insurance Adjuster Advisory Board.

**Composition:** 9 members

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## **Insurance Agent License Examination Advisory Board (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advised the commissioner of insurance or an examination testing service regarding the scope, type, and conduct of licensing examinations for insurance agents. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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## **Insurance Utilization Review Agents Advisory Committee (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advised the commissioner of insurance on the development of rules relating to utilization review agents. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** 12 members

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## **Joint Advisory Committee on the Practice of Engineering and Architecture (Texas Board of Professional Engineers, Texas Board of Architectural Examiners)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 2284, Section 8; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Worked to resolve issues resulting from the overlap between activities that constitute the practice of engineering and those that constitute the practice of architecture. Function is similar to that of the Joint Task Force on the Scope of Practice of Architecture and Engineering.

**Composition:** 8 members

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### **Joint Advisory Committee on the Practice of Engineering, Architecture, and Landscape Architecture (Texas Board of Professional Engineers, Texas Board of Architectural Examiners)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 2284, Section 8; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Worked to resolve issues resulting from the overlap between activities that constitute the practices of engineering and architecture and those that constitute the practices of engineering and landscape architecture. Function is similar to that of the Joint Task Force on the Scope of Practice of Architecture and Engineering.

**Composition:** 8 members

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### **On-Site Wastewater Treatment Research Council**

**Legislation:** House Bill 2694, Section 8.07; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Awarded competitive grants regarding on-site wastewater treatment technology. Function is transferred to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Composition:** 11 members

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### **Promotora Program Development Committee (Department of State Health Services)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 2610, Section 2; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Provided recommendations to the Department of State Health Services regarding promotora and community health worker training. Function is similar to that of the new Promotora and Community Health Worker Training and Certification Advisory Committee.

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members



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## **Property and Casualty Insurance Legislative Oversight Committee**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 781, Section 1; abolishment is effective June 17, 2011

**Function:** Provided oversight of the regulation of property and casualty insurance by the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** 7 members

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## **Public Insurance Adjusters Examination Advisory Committee (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Assisted the commissioner of insurance in developing the examination required for licensure as a public insurance adjuster. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance, to be assisted by the new Insurance Adjuster Advisory Board.

**Composition:** At least 5 members

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## **Task Force on Indigent Defense (Texas Judicial Council)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1754, Section 17; abolishment is effective on the date the last appointee to the initial governing board of the new Texas Indigent Defense Commission takes office

**Function:** Developed policies and standards for providing legal representation and other defense services to indigent defendants at trial, on appeal, and in postconviction proceedings. Function is transferred to the new Texas Indigent Defense Commission.

**Composition:** 13 members

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## **Technical Advisory Committee on Electronic Health Care Data Exchange (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advised the commissioner of insurance on technical aspects of exchanging health care information electronically. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** At least 10 members

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## **Technical Advisory Committee on Health Insurance Claims Processing (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advised the commissioner of insurance on technical aspects of health insurance claims processing. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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## **Telecommunications Competitiveness Legislative Oversight Committee**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 781, Section 1; abolishment is effective June 17, 2011

**Function:** Provided oversight of the introduction of full competition to telecommunications services in Texas.

**Composition:** 9 members

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## **Texas Department of Rural Affairs**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 1, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 62.12; abolishment is effective September 28, 2011

**Function:** Assisted rural communities in key areas of economic and community development, rural health, and rural housing and administered the federal community development block grant nonentitlement program. Function is transferred as a program to the Office of Rural Affairs in the Department of Agriculture. The governor designated the General Land Office to administer the federal community development block grant disaster recovery funds received for Hurricanes Rita, Dolly, and Ike.

**Composition:** 11 members on the governing board

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## **Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 1928, Section 3; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Coordinated state and local activities relating to the cultural and historical celebration of Juneteenth and to the establishment of Juneteenth memorial monuments throughout the state.

**Composition:** 10 members

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## **Texas Health Care Policy Council (Office of the Governor)**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 7, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, Section 3.03; abolishment is effective September 28, 2011

**Function:** Researched and identified approaches and solutions to address gaps, flaws, inefficiencies, or problems in the state health care system. Function is transferred to the Texas Institute of Health Care Quality and Efficiency.

**Composition:** At least 8 members

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## **Texas HIV Medication Program Advisory Committee (Texas Board of Health)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 2229, Section 2; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Assisted in the development of required procedures and guidelines relating to the Texas HIV Medication Program. Function is similar to that of the new Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee.

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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## **Texas Juvenile Probation Commission**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 653, Section 1.012; abolishment is effective December 1, 2011

**Function:** Provided assistance, training, and funding related to juvenile probation services. Function is transferred to the new Texas Juvenile Justice Board and Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

**Composition:** 9 members

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## **Texas Organ, Tissue, and Eye Donor Council (Department of State Health Services)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 2904, Section 11; abolishment is effective January 1, 2012

**Function:** Advised the Department of State Health Services and other entities on issues relating to the Donor Education, Awareness, and Registry Program of Texas that became known as the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry. Function is similar to that of the nonprofit organization that will administer the registry under House Bill 2904.

**Composition:** 10 members

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## **Texas Residential Property Insurance Market Assistance Program Executive Committee (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Administered the market assistance program for residential property insurance, which is discontinued under House Bill 1951.

**Composition:** 11 members

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## **Texas Youth Commission**

**Legislation:** Senate Bill 653, Section 1.011; abolishment is effective December 1, 2011

**Function:** Provided services to delinquent youth through the administration of programs and facilities. Function is transferred to the new Texas Juvenile Justice Board and Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

**Composition:** 7 members on governing board

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## **TexLink to Health Coverage Program Task Force (Texas Department of Insurance)**

**Legislation:** House Bill 1951, Section 2.009; abolishment is effective September 1, 2011

**Function:** Advised the Texas Department of Insurance on program materials for the TexLink to Health Coverage Program. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Insurance.

**Composition:** At least 13 members