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# FOREWORD

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

The **New Entities** section provides information on each of the 34 entities created by the 88th Legislature. Some of these new entities are associated with the creation, restructuring, or abolishment of another entity. In such instances, a reference to the corresponding entity is included.

The **Renamed Entities** section provides information on the three entities renamed by the 88th Legislature, including whether an entity's function or composition was unchanged or revised.

The **Abolished Entities** section provides information on each of the nine entities that were explicitly abolished or that were discontinued because the statute creating the entity was repealed by the 88th Legislature. If the function of the entity was transferred to an already existing entity, that is noted. If the function was assigned to a new entity described in the New Entities section, a reference to the corresponding entity is included.

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

- *Name*—The name of the entity as it appears in the enabling legislation or a descriptive phrase for the entity. If the entity advises or is administratively attached to a state agency, or if a state agency appoints members or provides staff support to the entity, that agency's name appears in parentheses. For an entity that has been renamed, the previous name is indicated. For an abolished entity, if its function is transferred, the entity that assumes that function is also named.
- *Legislation*—The bill and specific bill sections that contain provisions creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity and that may contain other information, such as the function and composition.
- *Effective/Abolished*—The date the provision creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity becomes effective. If creation of the entity is authorized instead of mandated, that is noted.
- *Function*—Powers and duties of the entity. For entities that have been renamed, a brief explanation of its revised function and the transfer of all or part of the function to another entity is included, if applicable.
- *Composition*—Membership information for the entity, including the number of members, appointment criteria, and terms of office. Information about the designation or selection of the presiding officer is included if that information is in the bill. If the composition of a renamed entity has been changed, a brief explanation of the change is provided.
- *Expiration*—When applicable, the sunset date or other expiration date included in the legislation creating a new entity or in the enabling statute for a renamed entity. Section 2110.008, Government Code, relating to the duration of advisory bodies, may be applicable to certain entities.

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

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

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# NEW ENTITIES

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## Advanced Air Mobility Advisory Committee (Texas Transportation Commission)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 2144](#), Section 1

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Assesses current state law and any potential changes to state law needed to facilitate the implementation of advanced air mobility technology in Texas
- Holds public hearings in locations across Texas or via electronic means and receives comments through a website, by mail, and by other methods, if appropriate
- Not later than November 1, 2024, submits to the Texas Transportation Commission and the legislature a written report that includes the committee's findings and recommendations

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The Texas Transportation Commission appoints members to represent the following:

- Diverse geographic regions of Texas
- State and local law enforcement
- The advanced air mobility industry
- Transportation experts
- Commercial airport representatives
- Vertical takeoff and landing operators and vertiport operators
- Local governments
- The general public

**Expiration:** January 1, 2025

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## Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council (Department of Information Resources)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 2060](#), Sections 1 and 2

**Effective:** June 13, 2023

**Function:**

- Studies and monitors artificial intelligence systems developed, employed, or procured by state agencies
- Assesses the need for a state code of ethics for artificial intelligence systems in state government
- Reviews automated decision systems inventory reports submitted by applicable state agencies and prescribes the form, contents, and manner of submission of those reports
- Recommends administrative actions that state agencies may take without further legislative authorization
- Not later than December 1, 2024, submits a report to the legislature that includes the council's findings, applicable recommendations, and an assessment of the impact of using artificial intelligence systems in state government



**Composition (7 members):**

- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- The executive director of the Department of Information Resources or the executive director's designee
- The following 4 members appointed by the governor:
  - » an academic professional specializing in ethics who is employed by a public or private institution of higher education
  - » an academic professional specializing in artificial intelligence systems who is employed by a public or private institution of higher education
  - » an expert on law enforcement usage of artificial intelligence systems
  - » an expert in constitutional and legal rights

The state senator and state representative members serve as co-chairs.

**Expiration:** January 1, 2025

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**Commercial Oyster Mariculture Advisory Board (Parks and Wildlife Department)**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1809](#), Sections 1 and 2

**Effective:** May 27, 2023

**Function:**

- Advises all state agencies with regulatory authority over the commercial oyster mariculture industry
- Makes recommendations to the governor and all relevant agencies concerning the commercial oyster mariculture industry, including recommendations regarding the promotion of the use, consumption, marketing, and sale of maricultured oysters; the promotion of sustainable commercial oyster mariculture; and commercial oyster mariculture permits and regulations
- Consults with industry and academic resources and applicable state and federal agencies in performing its duties

**Composition (7 members):** The governor appoints the following:

- 4 members who represent the commercial oyster mariculture industry, seafood industry, or a related industry and who have a documented interest in the promotion of entrepreneurship, free enterprise, and the increased use, consumption, marketing, and sale of native oysters in Texas
- 3 members who represent the scientific and conservation community in Texas and who have a documented interest in the sustainability of Texas' natural coastal environment

At least one member must be a member of the Parks and Wildlife Department's oyster advisory workgroup. Members serve staggered five-year terms. The governor designates one industry representative member as presiding officer, who serves a one-year term in that capacity.

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**Committee on the Formation of a Texas Bicentennial Commission**  
(General Land Office and Texas Historical Commission)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1985](#), Sections 1-4; reestablishes the committee established by [House Bill 4056](#), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Studies the formation of a Texas Bicentennial Commission to plan the state’s celebration of the 2036 bicentennial, including the commission’s scope and duties, composition, number of members, and the manner of appointing its members
- Submits to each member of the legislature, not later than September 30, 2024, a written report with its recommendations and, not later than September 30, 2026, a second report covering the committee’s activities performed following submission of the first report

**Composition (18 members):**

- 1 member appointed by the governor
- 1 member appointed jointly by the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house
- 5 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 5 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- 6 nonvoting Texas residents appointed by the governor, at least 1 of whom is appointed from each state senatorial district that contains one of the following sites:
  - » Fair Park
  - » The San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site
  - » The Alamo
  - » The State Capitol
  - » Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site

The membership must reflect the racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of Texas. The voting member appointed by the governor serves as presiding officer, and the member appointed jointly by the lieutenant governor and speaker serves as assistant presiding officer. A person who served on the committee established by [House Bill 4056](#), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, may be reappointed by the relevant appointing authority.

**Expiration:** January 1, 2027

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**Consolidation of Workforce and Social Services Task Force** (Texas Workforce Commission and Health and Human Services Commission)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 2315](#), Sections 1-3

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Develops a plan for the best courses of action and a regulatory framework for the consolidation of workforce development programs administered by the Texas Workforce

Commission and social services programs administered by the Health and Human Services Commission

- Makes recommendations to the legislature regarding the consolidation of applicable programs
- Not later than December 31, 2024, reports to the legislature on the activities of the task force, the consolidation plan, and the findings and recommendations of the task force

**Composition (9 members):**

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

**Expiration:** September 1, 2025

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**Core Curriculum Development Advisory Committee**  
(Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 8](#), Section 30

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Advises the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in adopting rules regarding the development of a recommended core curriculum for public institutions of higher education

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** Representatives of institutions of higher education, a majority of which must be faculty members

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**Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Stakeholder Work Group**  
(Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

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**Legislation:** Authorized by [Senate Bill 1001](#), Section 3

**Effective:** June 18, 2023

**Function:** Provides input, advice, and recommendations on the activities under the Occupations Code provisions regarding electric vehicle supply equipment

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation establishes the size, composition, and scope of the work group.

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**Grid Reliability Legislative Oversight Committee** (Public Utility Commission of Texas)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1500](#), Section 23

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Oversees the Public Utility Commission of Texas' implementation of legislation enacted by the 87th and 88th Legislatures related to the regulation of the electricity market in Texas

**Composition (8 members):**

- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- The chair of the senate committee with primary jurisdiction over matters relating to the generation of electricity
- The chair of the house committee with primary jurisdiction over matters relating to the generation of electricity

Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing official. The chairs of the applicable house and senate committees serve as presiding co-chairs.

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**Instructional Materials and Technology Advisory Committee**  
(State Board of Education or Texas Education Agency)

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**Legislation:** Authorized by [House Bill 1605](#), Section 14

**Effective:** June 13, 2023

**Function:** Advises the State Board of Education (SBOE) or the Texas Education Agency (TEA), if created by the SBOE or TEA, on the respective agency’s compliance with statutory provisions relating to instructional materials and technology in public schools

**Composition (unspecified number of members)**

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**Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act Oversight Committee**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 5](#), Sections 1 and 9

**Effective:** January 1, 2024

**Function:** Recommends to the legislature the types of projects that the committee determines by majority vote should be statutorily included or removed as a project eligible for a property tax abatement agreement under the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act

**Composition (7 members):**

- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 member who serves as the chair of the committee and who:
  - » is a state representative appointed by the speaker of the house who serves only in odd-numbered years; and
  - » is a state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor who serves only in even-numbered years.

At least one member appointed by the speaker of the house and at least one member appointed by the lieutenant governor must represent a district that includes a county with a population of 100,000 or less. Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

**Expiration:** December 31, 2033

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## Joint Committee to Study Effects of Media on Minors

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 18](#), Section 4.01

**Effective:** September 1, 2024

**Function:** Confers with subject experts to examine the health and developmental effects of media on minors and the effects of exposure by a minor to various forms of media

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

- State representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- State senators appointed by the lieutenant governor

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## Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund Advisory Board (Texas Workforce Commission)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1755](#), Section 1

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Assists the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in administering the Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund
- Makes recommendations on awarding grants under the fund's grant program

**Composition (6 members):**

- 1 member appointed by the governor
- 1 member appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house
- 1 member appointed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 1 member appointed by TWC
- The chair of TWC

Members serve two-year terms. The chair of TWC serves as the presiding officer.

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## Mold Assessment and Remediation Advisory Board (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1213](#), Sections 1-4

**Effective:** May 29, 2023

**Function:** Advises the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR) and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) on the following:

- technical matters relevant to the administration of statutory provisions regarding mold assessors and remediators
- standards or performance and work practices for mold assessment or remediation

- qualifications for the issuance or renewal of a license, including any training or continuing education
- other issues affecting mold assessment and remediation

**Composition (11 members):** TCLR’s presiding officer, with the approval of TCLR, appoints the following members:

- 3 members who are licensed and engage in mold assessment as consultants
- 3 members who are licensed and engage in mold remediation as contractors
- 2 members who are building contractors principally engaged in home construction and who are members of a statewide building trade association
- 1 member who is a representative of the insurance industry
- 1 member who is a representative of an accredited mold training provider
- 1 member who represents the public

Appointments must be made without regard to race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin. Members serve staggered six-year terms. TCLR’s presiding officer, with the approval of TCLR, appoints one member to serve as presiding officer, who serves a one-year term in that capacity.

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### **Office of Interagency Coordination on Reportable Conduct** (Department of Family and Protective Services)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1849](#), Section 3

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Facilitates coordination among the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and each participating state agency in administering statutory provisions regarding the interagency reportable conduct search engine
- Facilitates communication between DFPS, each participating state agency, designated users, interested persons, and the public regarding any relevant search engine information

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** DFPS, in collaboration with the Department of Information Resources, the Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Education Agency, and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, adopts rules on the establishment and operation of the office.

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### **Office of School Safety and Security** (Texas Education Agency)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 3](#), Sections 14 and 26

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Coordinates the Texas Education Agency’s (TEA) monitoring of public school district safety and security requirements, including multihazard emergency operation plans and safety and security audits

- Develops a rubric in collaboration with the Texas School Safety Center for TEA's use in conducting a vulnerability assessment of a school district
- Establishes a school safety review team in each region served by a regional education service center to annually conduct on-site general intruder detection audits of school district campuses

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The office consists of individuals with substantial expertise and experience in school or law enforcement safety and security operations and oversight at the local, state, or federal level. The office director is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate.

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### Open Education Resource Advisory Board (Texas Education Agency)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1605](#), Section 31

**Effective:** June 13, 2023

**Function:** Ensures that open education resource instructional materials meet the following criteria:

- are of the highest quality
- align with the essential knowledge and skills adopted by the State Board of Education for the applicable subject and grade level
- are suitable for the age of students at the grade level for which the materials are developed
- are free from bias and factual error
- comply with certain instructional requirements and prohibitions

**Composition (unspecified number of members)**

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### Organized Retail Theft Task Force (Comptroller of Public Accounts)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1826](#), Sections 1 and 2

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Conducts an ongoing study of organized retail theft in Texas and, in doing so, performs the following functions:
  - » Reviews laws and regulations addressing organized retail theft in other jurisdictions, including international and political and economic organizations
  - » Analyzes the impact of organized retail theft on the collection of sales tax, the long-term economic impacts of organized retail theft, and the advantages and disadvantages of taking various actions to reduce organized retail theft
  - » Makes recommendations regarding organized retail theft outreach and prevention programs and training for law enforcement officers and prosecutors on effective strategies for combating organized retail theft
- Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, prepares and submits a report of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, the comptroller of public accounts, and each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over criminal justice matters

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The comptroller appoints the following:

- at least 1 representative from a retailer with a physical retail location
- at least 1 representative from an online retailer
- representatives from local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies

The comptroller designates a member as the presiding officer.

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### **State Anatomical Advisory Committee (Texas Funeral Service Commission)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 2040](#), Sections 1.02-1.04 and 3.02

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Advises and provides expertise to the Texas Funeral Service Commission (TFSC) on matters related to the regulation and operation of willed body programs, non-transplant anatomical donation organizations, and anatomical facilities in Texas

**Composition (7 members):** The TFSC appoints the following:

- 2 members who represent institutions of higher education that operate willed body programs
- 2 members who represent non-transplant anatomical donation organizations
- 2 members who represent anatomical facilities
- 1 public member

Members serve two-year terms. Appointments must be made without regard to the race, creed, sex, religion, or national origin of the appointees. Members of the former Anatomical Board of the State of Texas may continue to provide advice to the TFSC until a majority of the State Anatomical Advisory Committee's members are appointed. Former board members may be appointed to the committee if those board members are otherwise eligible.

*See also [Anatomical Board of the State of Texas under Abolished Entities](#).*

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### **Statewide Interagency Aging Services Coordinating Council**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 728](#), Sections 1 and 2

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Develops a recurring five-year statewide interagency aging services strategic plan and submits the strategic plan to the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the administrative head of each agency subject to the strategic plan
- Develops and, not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, submits to the legislature a biennial coordinated statewide interagency aging services expenditure proposal



- Annually publishes an updated inventory of state-funded interagency aging programs and services that includes a description of how those programs and services further the purpose of the statewide interagency aging services strategic plan
- Facilitates opportunities to increase collaboration for the effective expenditure of available federal and state money for interagency aging services in Texas
- Establishes subcommittees as necessary to carry out the council’s duties

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** At least 1 representative appointed by each of the following agencies and entities:

- The governor’s office
- HHSC, including 1 representative of HHSC’s aging services coordination office
- The Department of Family and Protective Services
- The Department of State Health Services
- The Department of Agriculture’s office of rural health
- The Texas Veterans Commission
- The Texas Workforce Commission
- The office of the attorney general
- The Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
- The Texas Aging and Longevity Consortium at The University of Texas at Austin
- The Center for Community Health and Aging at Texas A&M University

The executive commissioner of HHSC determines the number of representatives that each agency or entity may appoint to the council. The council may authorize another state agency or entity that provides specific interagency aging services with the use of appropriated money to appoint a representative to the council. Council members serve six-year terms at the pleasure of the appointing agency or entity. The member representing HHSC’s aging services coordination office serves as presiding officer.

**Expiration:** September 1, 2027, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

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## **Texas Aerospace Research and Space Economy Consortium (Office of the Governor)**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 3447](#), Section 1

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Identifies research opportunities for Texas entities that do the following:
  - » Strengthen Texas’ proven leadership in civil, commercial, and military aerospace activity
  - » Enhance Texas’ position in aeronautics research and development, astronautics, space commercialization, and space flight infrastructure
  - » Enhance the integration of the space, aeronautics, astronautics, and aviation industries into Texas’ economy
- Provides funding and research recommendations to the Texas Space Commission

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

- Each public institution of higher education
- Any other entity that the Texas Aerospace Research and Space Economy Consortium Executive Committee considers necessary

**Expiration:** September 1, 2032, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

*See also [Texas Aerospace Research and Space Economy Consortium Executive Committee](#) and [Texas Space Commission](#) under New Entities.*

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**Texas Aerospace Research and Space Economy Consortium Executive Committee**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 3447](#), Section 1

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Develops and executes a comprehensive statewide strategic plan to further the purposes of the Texas Aerospace Research and Space Economy Consortium
- Gathers and coordinates recommendations from consortium members on funding and research opportunities in accordance with the consortium's purposes
- Establishes procedures and policies for the administration of the consortium
- Not later than December 31 of each even-numbered year, reports to the Texas Space Commission on the activities and objectives of the consortium, a synopsis of identified funding and research opportunities, legislative recommendations, prospective grants or funding, and research accomplishments associated with the consortium

**Composition (9 members):**

- 2 members appointed by the governor
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house
- The chancellor of The Texas A&M University System or the chancellor's designee
- The chancellor of The University of Texas System or the chancellor's designee
- The president of Rice University or the president's designee

The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house must prioritize the appointment of individuals with experience in aeronautics, space economic development, and academic engagement with the space economy and, to the extent possible, ensure that appointments reflect the ethnic and geographic diversity of Texas. The committee elects a presiding officer from among its members.

**Expiration:** September 1, 2032, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

*See also [Texas Aerospace Research and Space Economy Consortium](#) and [Texas Space Commission](#) under New Entities.*

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**Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board Investigative Committee**  
(Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board)

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**Legislation:** Authorized by [Senate Bill 1222](#), Section 4

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Reviews and determines the facts of a complaint under the Texas Appraisal Management Company Registration and Regulation Act
- Submits in a timely manner a written report regarding the complaint to the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board (TALCB)

**Composition (at least 2 members):** The presiding officer must be a TALCB member.

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**Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Advisory Committee**  
(Texas Commission on Law Enforcement)

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**Legislation:** Authorized by [Senate Bill 1445](#), Section 6

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Makes recommendations to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) on programs, rules, and policies administered by TCOLE

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** TCOLE adopts rules regarding the size of the committee, membership qualifications, appointment procedures, and members' terms of service.

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**Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office Advisory Committee**  
(Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office)

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**Legislation:** Authorized by [House Bill 1515](#), Sections 4 and 18

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Makes recommendations to the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office (TEDTO) on programs, rules, and policies administered by TEDTO

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** TEDTO adopts rules regarding the size of the committee, membership qualifications, appointment procedures, and members' terms of service. A member of the Product Development and Small Business Incubator Board Advisory Committee that was abolished in Section 16 of the bill by the repeal of Section 489.213, Government Code, may be reappointed to serve as a member of a new advisory committee established under the bill.

*See also [Product Development and Small Business Incubator Board Advisory Committee under Abolished Entities](#).*

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## Texas Energy Fund Advisory Committee (Public Utility Commission of Texas)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 2627](#), Section 2

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Provides comments and recommendations to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for use in adopting rules regarding the use of the Texas Energy Fund or on any other matter
- Reviews the overall operation, function, and structure of the Texas energy fund at least semiannually
- Adopts rules, procedures, and policies as needed

**Composition (6 members):**

- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor, including:
  - » 1 member of the senate committee with primary jurisdiction over matters relating to electricity generation
  - » 1 member of the senate committee with primary jurisdiction over finance
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, including:
  - » 1 member of the house committee with primary jurisdiction over electricity generation
  - » 1 member of the house committee with primary jurisdiction over finance

Members serve at the will of the applicable appointing authority. The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house appoint co-presiding officers of the committee.

**Expiration:** September 1, 2035, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

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## Texas Food System Security and Resiliency Planning Council (Department of Agriculture)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 3323](#), Sections 1 and 2

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Gives guidance to the food and nutrition division of the Department of Agriculture
- Reviews the state food security system plan developed by the division

**Composition (17 members):**

- 3 members appointed by the governor
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house
- 1 member of the Texas Animal Commission appointed by the governor
- 1 member appointed by the commissioner of agriculture to represent food banks
- 1 member appointed by the commissioner to represent nonprofit organizations that provide home delivered meals

- 2 members appointed by the commissioner to represent agricultural producer organizations, applicable cooperative marketing associations, or farmers' cooperative societies
- The assistant commissioner of agriculture for the food and nutrition division, who serves as a nonvoting member
- The director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, who serves as a nonvoting member
- 1 nonvoting member appointed by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to represent SNAP, SNAP-education, and WIC

Each appointed member must have experience in an industry or economic sector involving food production or food sales or in a related industry or economic sector. The Texas Farm Bureau is considered an agricultural producer organization for purposes of member appointments. Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The governor designates the council's chair from the members the governor appoints. The lieutenant governor designates the council's vice chair from the members the lieutenant governor appoints.

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### **Texas Hydrogen Production Policy Council (Railroad Commission of Texas)**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 2847](#), Section 2

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Studies the development of hydrogen industries in Texas, including the development of facilities for the production, pipeline transportation, and storage of hydrogen
- Monitors regional efforts for the application and development of a regional clean hydrogen hub authorized by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Coordinates actions with other state agencies in supporting an application for such a regional clean hydrogen hub
- Develops a state plan for hydrogen production oversight by the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)
- Makes recommendations to the legislature on legislative changes needed for the oversight and regulation of production, pipeline transportation, and storage of hydrogen

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

- The chair of the RRC or the chair's designee
- Not more than 11 members appointed by the RRC to represent as many different types of participants as possible, including at least 3 but not more than 5 representatives from the hydrogen industry

The commissioner or the commissioner's designee serves as the council's chair.

**Expiration:** January 1, 2030

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## Texas Juvenile Justice Board Advisory Committee (Texas Juvenile Justice Board)

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**Legislation:** Authorized by [Senate Bill 1727](#), Section 21

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Makes recommendations to the Texas Juvenile Justice Board on programs, rules, and policies administered by the board

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The board adopts rules regarding the size of the committee, membership qualifications, appointment procedures, and members' terms of service.

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## Texas Leadership Scholars Program Advisory Committee (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

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**Legislation:** Authorized by [House Bill 1590](#), Section 1

**Effective:** June 12, 2023

**Function:** Recommends to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules for the administration of the Texas leadership scholars program

**Composition (unspecified number of members)**

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## Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative Governing Board (Health and Human Services Commission)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 4990](#), Section 1

**Effective:** June 13, 2023

**Function:**

- Develops and implements the Texas pharmaceutical initiative and any applicable programs
- Establishes procedures and policies for the administration of the initiative
- Establishes procedures to document board member and personnel compliance with applicable conflict-of-interest laws
- May perform the following functions to implement the initiative and carry out the purposes of statutory provisions governing the initiative:
  - » Hires and employs an executive director and necessary personnel to provide administrative support
  - » Executes contracts and other instruments and conducts all activities the board determines necessary
  - » Authorizes one or more board members to execute contracts and other instruments on behalf of the board
  - » Establishes a committee or other entity to exercise powers delegated by the board and exercise any other administrative duties or powers as necessary
- Not later than October 1, 2024, develops and submits to the governor, the legislature, and the Legislative Budget Board a business plan on implementing and establishing

procedures and policies for the administration of the initiative, taking into consideration certain relevant information

**Composition (3 members):** The governor appoints the members and designates the board's presiding officer.

**Expiration:** September 1, 2025

***Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative Advisory Council***

**Function:** Advises the governing board of the Texas pharmaceutical initiative in implementing statutory provisions governing the initiative and carrying out the duties imposed on the board under those provisions

**Composition (5 members):**

- The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission or the executive commissioner's designee
- The executive director of the Employees Retirement System of Texas or the executive director's designee
- The executive director of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas or the executive director's designee
- The chancellor of The University of Texas System or the chancellor's designee
- The chancellor of The Texas A&M University System or the chancellor's designee

**Expiration:** September 1, 2025

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**Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium (Office of the Governor)**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 5174](#), Section 1

**Effective:** June 9, 2023

**Function:**

- Acts as an advisory panel to the governor and the legislature
- Leverages the expertise and capacity of institutions of higher education, industry, and nonprofit stakeholders to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to ensure ongoing semiconductor innovation
- Sustains Texas leadership in advanced semiconductor research, design, and manufacturing
- Attracts public and private investment in Texas related to research, development, commercialization, and manufacturing of semiconductors
- Identifies and expands opportunities for workforce training and development related to the research, design, and manufacturing of semiconductors
- Establishes a forum for public and private stakeholders across the semiconductor manufacturing industry in Texas to focus on education, research and development, and commercial production
- Requests Legislative Budget Board approval to use money in the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund to pay for staff support services

**Composition (19 members):** The president's office of each of the following institutions of higher education appoints 1 designee:

- The University of Texas at Arlington
- The University of Texas at Austin
- The University of Texas at Dallas
- The University of Texas at El Paso
- The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- The University of Texas at San Antonio
- Texas A&M University
- Prairie View A&M University
- The University of Houston
- The University of North Texas
- Texas Tech University
- Texas State University
- Texas State Technical College System
- Lamar University
- Lamar State College - Orange
- Lamar State College - Port Arthur
- Lamar Institute of Technology
- Austin Community College
- Dallas Community College

The Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium Executive Committee may appoint any other entity or individual it considers necessary. In making appointments to the consortium, priority must be given to individuals with experience in semiconductor design and manufacturing.

***Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium Executive Committee***

**Function:**

- Develops and executes a comprehensive statewide strategic plan to further the objectives of the consortium
- Solicits recommendations from consortium members on funding and research opportunities related to semiconductor research, design, commercialization, and manufacturing
- Appoints an executive director of the consortium and determines the title, functions, duties, powers, and salary for the executive director
- Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, reports to the governor and the Legislative Budget Board on activities undertaken to meet the purposes of the consortium, a summary of applicable funding and research, legislative recommendations, prospective grants or funding, and any research accomplishments associated with the consortium

**Composition (9 members):**

- 3 members appointed by the governor
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house
- The chancellor of The Texas A&M University System or the chancellor's designee
- The chancellor of The University of Texas System or the chancellor's designee

In making appointments to the executive committee, priority must be given to individuals with experience in manufacturing, design, industrial development, academic research, and scientific



research in the field of semiconductors. The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house must coordinate to ensure the appointment of at least two representatives from the commercial semiconductor design and manufacturing sectors with an established presence in Texas.

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## **Texas Space Commission (Office of the Governor)**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 3447](#), Section 1

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:**

- Develops and annually updates a strategic plan for the promotion of space, aeronautics, and aviation economic development in Texas
- Notifies the Legislative Budget Board following the award of a grant from the space exploration and aeronautics research fund
- Implements a system to track the dates on which grant recipient reports are due and are received by the commission and to monitor the status of any required report that is not timely submitted
- Maintains complete records of the review of each grant application submitted to the board of directors, each grant recipient's financial reports and progress reports, and the board's review of the grant recipient's financial reports and progress reports

**Expiration:** September 1, 2032, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

### ***Board of Directors***

**Function:**

- Directs the activities of, establishes the goals for, and provides oversight to the commission
- Develops and executes a strategic plan for the promotion of space, aeronautics, and aviation economic development in Texas and submits the plan to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house not later than December 31 of each year
- Establishes appropriate standards and executive bodies to ensure the proper use of applicable funds for research and facilities development
- Identifies specified research and funding opportunities for entities within Texas
- Capitalizes, promotes, and assists in the development of workforce training to further the development of technologies for space exploration
- Solicits proposals on funding and research opportunities related to objectives from the Texas Aerospace Research and Space Economy Consortium
- Develops procedures for the administration and approval of grants through the space exploration and aeronautics research fund and establishes reporting requirements to ensure compliance with grant contract terms and conditions
- Adopts conflict-of-interest rules and a code of conduct applicable to board members and commission employees
- Establishes standards to ensure that grant recipients purchase goods and services from suppliers in Texas to the extent possible

**Composition (9 members):**

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

The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house must prioritize the appointment of individuals with experience in commercial aerospace, civil aviation, military aerospace, space economic development, space-related academic research, and nonprofit support of the space economy. Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing official for staggered six-year terms. The board elects a presiding officer from among its members. The board must employ a chief compliance officer and hire an executive director.

**Expiration:** September 1, 2032, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

*See also [Texas Aerospace Research and Space Economy Consortium](#) and [Texas Aerospace Research and Space Economy Consortium Executive Committee under New Entities](#).*

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**TexMesonet Advisory Committee (Texas Water Development Board)**

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**Legislation:** Authorized by [House Bill 2759](#), Section 2

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Advises and makes recommendations to the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board on ensuring data quality and optimizing the efficiency and effectiveness of hydrometeorological data collection, product development, and dissemination of data and information

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** May include members representing the office of the state climatologist, the National Weather Service, existing hydrometeorological networks, and other appropriate entities

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**Youth Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee (Texas Juvenile Justice Board)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1727](#), Section 21

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Assists the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) with overseeing and coordinating vocational training for youth in TJJD custody, including training provided by community colleges and other local entities with which TJJD may partner

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The Texas Juvenile Justice Board adopts rules regarding the size of the committee, membership qualifications, appointment procedures, and members' terms of service.

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## RENAMED ENTITIES

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### Support Adoption Advisory Committee (Office of the Attorney General)

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**Previous Name:** Choose Life Advisory Committee

**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 2376](#), Sections 3 and 4

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function (unchanged):**

- Assists the attorney general in developing rules regarding guidelines for the expenditure of money credited to the support adoption account and regarding reporting and other mechanisms necessary to ensure the money is spent accordingly
- Reviews and makes recommendations to the attorney general on applications submitted for grants funded with money credited to the support adoption account

**Composition (unchanged—7 members):** Members are appointed by the attorney general

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### Texas Geographic Information Office (Texas Water Development Board)

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**Previous Name:** Texas Natural Resources Information System

**Legislation:** [House Bill 2489](#), Sections 1-4

**Effective:** September 1, 2023

**Function (unchanged):** Serves Texas agencies and citizens as a centralized clearinghouse and referral center for natural resource data, census data, data related to emergency management, and other socioeconomic data

**Composition (unchanged—unspecified number of members):** The executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board designates the deputy executive administrator of the office to serve as the state geographic information officer.

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### Texas Real Estate Research Center (Texas A&M University)

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**Previous Name:** Real Estate Research Center

**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1577](#), Sections 1 and 2

**Effective:** January 1, 2024

**Function (unchanged):**

- Conducts studies in all areas that relate to real estate and urban or rural economics and publishes and disseminates the studies' findings and results
- Assists the teaching program in real estate offered by Texas colleges and universities and, subject to the availability of funds, awards scholarships and establishes real estate chairs

- Supplies material to the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) for the preparation of the examinations for real estate salesmen and brokers
- Develops, revises, and updates materials for use in the extension courses in real estate offered by Texas universities and colleges
- Assists TREC in developing accreditation standards for vocational schools and other teaching agencies giving courses in the field of real estate and standards for the approval of courses in the field of real estate
- Studies and recommends changes to state statutes and municipal ordinances, subject to certain limitations
- Reviews progress regarding research and studies with the Real Estate Research Advisory Committee or its designated representative
- Prepares information of consumer interest describing the center's functions and makes the information available to the general public and appropriate state agencies

**Composition (unchanged—unspecified number of members):** The board of regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the center's operating budget, staffing, and activities.

## ABOLISHED ENTITIES

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### **Advisory Committee on Financial Aid for Professional Nursing Students** (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 25](#). The committee is abolished in Section 9 of the bill by the repeal of Section 61.657, Education Code.

**Abolished:** June 18, 2023

**Function:** Advised the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board concerning financial assistance provided to professional nursing students and concerning related scholarship, matching fund, and loan repayment programs

**Composition:** 10 members

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### **Advisory Committee on Financial Aid for Vocational Nursing Students** (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 25](#). The committee is abolished in Section 9 of the bill by the repeal of Section 61.657, Education Code.

**Abolished:** June 18, 2023

**Function:** Advised the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board concerning financial assistance provided to vocational nursing students and concerning related scholarship, matching fund, and loan repayment programs

**Composition:** 8 members

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### **Anatomical Board of the State of Texas**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 2040](#), Section 3.01(a)

**Abolished:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Oversaw and regulated the distribution of donated or unclaimed deceased bodies and anatomical specimens to board-approved institutions of higher education for use in medical education, research, and training. Board functions were transferred to the Texas Funeral Service Commission

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

*See also [State Anatomical Advisory Committee](#) under New Entities.*

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**Executive Award and Review Advisory Committee**  
(Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 4550](#). The committee is abolished in Section 4 of the bill by the repeal of Section 2306.1112, Government Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Made recommendations to the governing board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs regarding funding and allocation decisions with respect to low income housing tax credits and federal housing funds

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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**Higher Education Research Funds Advisory Committee**  
(Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1595](#). The committee is abolished in Section 20 of the bill by the repeal of Section 62.096(b), Education Code.

**Abolished:** January 1, 2024, but only if [House Joint Resolution 3](#), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is approved by the voters

**Function:** Approved the allocations standards and accounting methods established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for purposes of the Texas comprehensive research fund and core research support fund and considered appeals from eligible institutions regarding a THECB decision on certain institution information with respect to amounts of restricted research expended

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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**Product Development and Small Business Incubator Board**  
(Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1515](#). The board is abolished in Section 16 of the bill by the repeal of Section 489.202, Government Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Reviewed applications and approved financing for products and small businesses through the Texas product development fund and the small business incubator fund

**Composition:** 9 members

*See also [Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office Advisory Committee](#) under New Entities.*

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**Product Development and Small Business Incubator Board Advisory Committee**  
(Product Development and Small Business Incubator Board)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1515](#). The entity is abolished in Section 16 of the bill by the repeal of Section 489.213, Government Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Reviewed projects and businesses seeking financing from the Texas Economic Development Bank

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

*See also [Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office Advisory Committee](#) under New Entities.*

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**Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program Advisory Board**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 8](#). The board is abolished in Section 52 of the bill by the repeal of Section 136.004, Education Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Provided input and recommendations for the awarding of grants under the Texas innovative adult career education grant program

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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**Texas Juvenile Justice Department Industries Advisory Committee**  
(Texas Juvenile Justice Board)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1727](#). The advisory committee is abolished in Section 56 of the bill by the repeal of Section 246.002, Human Resources Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2023

**Function:** Oversaw vocational education and employment programs for juvenile offenders

**Composition:** 9 members



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