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S.B. No. 277

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the abolition of certain health-related task forces and advisory committees.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Interagency Task Force on Electronic Benefits Transfers is abolished.

(b) Section 531.045, Government Code, is repealed.

SECTION 2. (a) The Medicaid and Public Assistance Fraud Oversight Task Force is abolished.

(b) Section 22.028(c), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) No later than the first day of each month, the department shall send the comptroller a report listing the accounts on which enforcement actions or other steps were taken by the department in response to the records received from the EBT operator under this section, and the action taken by the department. The comptroller shall promptly review the report and, as appropriate, may solicit the advice of the office of the inspector general [~~Medicaid and Public Assistance Fraud Oversight Task Force~~] regarding the results of the department's enforcement actions.

(c) Section 531.107, Government Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. (a) The Advisory Committee on Inpatient Mental Health Services is abolished.

(b) Section 571.027, Health and Safety Code, is repealed.

SECTION 4. (a) The Interagency Inspection Task Force is abolished.

(b) Section 42.0442(c), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) ~~[The interagency task force shall establish an inspection checklist based on the inspection protocol developed under Subsection (b).]~~ Each state agency that inspects a facility listed in Subsection (a) shall use an ~~[the]~~ inspection checklist established by the department in performing an inspection. A state agency shall make a copy of the completed inspection checklist available to the facility at the facility's request to assist the facility in maintaining records.

(c) Section 42.0442(b), Human Resources Code, is repealed.

SECTION 5. If an entity that is abolished by this Act has property, records, or other assets, the Health and Human Services Commission shall take custody of the entity's property, records, or other assets.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.