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H.B. No. 2446

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a report on the consolidation of the health and human services system, including advisory committees within the system, and the re-creation of the Texas system of care framework.

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

SECTION 1. Section [531.251](#), Government Code, is reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 531.251. TEXAS SYSTEM OF CARE FRAMEWORK. (a) In this section:

(1) "Minor" means an individual younger than 18 years of age.

(2) "Serious emotional disturbance" means a mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to result in functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits a person's role or ability to function in family, school, or community activities.

(3) "System of care framework" means a framework for collaboration among state agencies, minors who have a serious emotional disturbance or are at risk of developing a serious emotional disturbance, and the families of those minors that improves access to services and delivers effective community-based services that are family-driven, youth- or young adult-guided, and culturally and linguistically competent.

(b) The commission shall implement a system of care

1 framework to develop local mental health systems of care in
2 communities for minors who are receiving residential mental health
3 services and supports or inpatient mental health hospitalization,
4 have or are at risk of developing a serious emotional disturbance,
5 or are at risk of being removed from the minor's home and placed in a
6 more restrictive environment to receive mental health services and
7 supports, including an inpatient mental health hospital, a
8 residential treatment facility, or a facility or program operated
9 by the Department of Family and Protective Services or an agency
10 that is part of the juvenile justice system.

11 (c) The commission shall:

12 (1) maintain a comprehensive plan for the delivery of
13 mental health services and supports to a minor and a minor's family
14 using a system of care framework, including best practices in the
15 financing, administration, governance, and delivery of those
16 services;

17 (2) enter memoranda of understanding with the
18 Department of State Health Services, the Department of Family and
19 Protective Services, the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Juvenile
20 Justice Department, and the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders
21 with Medical or Mental Impairments that specify the roles and
22 responsibilities of each agency in implementing the comprehensive
23 plan described by Subdivision (1);

24 (3) identify appropriate local, state, and federal
25 funding sources to finance infrastructure and mental health
26 services and supports needed to support state and local system of
27 care framework efforts;

1 (4) develop an evaluation system to measure
2 cross-system performance and outcomes of state and local system of
3 care framework efforts; and

4 (5) in implementing the provisions of this section,
5 consult with stakeholders, including:

6 (A) minors who have or are at risk of developing a
7 serious emotional disturbance or young adults who received mental
8 health services and supports as a minor with or at risk of
9 developing a serious emotional disturbance; and

10 (B) family members of those minors or young
11 adults.

12 SECTION 2. Not later than July 31, 2018, the executive
13 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
14 submit to the Health and Human Services Transition Legislative
15 Oversight Committee a report that includes:

16 (1) the latest information available on the
17 commission's progress in transferring and consolidating the
18 administrative support services functions of the health and human
19 services system as mandated by Subchapter A-1, Chapter [531](#),
20 Government Code; and

21 (2) recommendations on:

22 (A) whether to abolish each statutory advisory
23 committee that considers issues related to the health and human
24 services system; and

25 (B) for an advisory committee for which
26 abolishment is recommended, whether to reestablish the advisory
27 committee by rule, consolidate the advisory committee with another

1 advisory committee, or permanently discontinue the advisory
2 committee in any form.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.