

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1456
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Health & Human Services
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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, diabetes is a significant problem in Texas; juvenile diabetes is of particular concern. C.S.S.B. 1456 establishes a pediatric diabetes research advisory committee to research pediatric diabetes and medical conditions associated with diabetes, assess state institutions as possible sites for research opportunities, analyze the impact of diabetes on the economy and public health, and make recommendations to state officials concerning research programs and funding options.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. (a) Requires the commissioner of public health (commissioner), in consultation with the Texas Diabetes Council, to establish a pediatric diabetes research advisory committee (committee).

(b) Sets forth the composition of the committee.

(c) Requires the commissioner to select members of the committee based on certain experience, expertise, or special interests.

(d) Requires the commissioner, with recommendations from the Texas Diabetes Council, to select a member of the committee to serve as the presiding officer. Prohibits the presiding officer from being an officer or employee of the state.

(e) Requires the committee to: develop a plan to research pediatric diabetes and medical conditions associated with diabetes in this state; assess the resources and talent of state institutions as possible research sites; analyze the impact of diabetes on the state economy and the health of the residents of the state; and make recommendations to the legislature and governor concerning research programs in pediatric diabetes and funding alternatives for the programs.

(f) Requires the committee to meet at least four times as determined by the presiding officer. Requires a professional facilitator with experience in strategic planning to facilitate meetings of the committee.

(g) Prohibits a member of the committee from receiving compensation for service on the committee; however, entitles a member of the committee to receive reimbursement for reasonable and necessary travel expenses incurred by the member while conducting committee business.

(h) Requires the commissioner to submit a report prepared by the committee to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives regarding pediatric diabetes

that comprehensively addresses the issues listed in Subsection (e) not later than December 1, 2002.

SECTION 2. Requires the commissioner to appoint the committee members not later than the 90th day after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Abolishes the committee as of January 1, 2003.

SECTION 4. Provides that this Act expires September 1, 2003.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Differs from the original by:

- amending the caption;
- establishing a pediatric diabetes research advisory committee, rather than a pediatric diabetes research-plan group;
- omitting the short title and legislative findings;
- restructuring and clarifying the text of the bill;
- requiring the submission of a committee report to the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of representatives in addition to the governor, omitting the legislature from the list of report recipients, and giving a deadline for the report; and
- including specific dates for the abolition of the committee, the expiration of this Act, and the effective date of this Act.