

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

There are many boards, commissions, and/or task forces that are currently inactive and outdated. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has provided four in particular that do not need to be formally codified or are potentially inactive.

The purpose of this bill is to remove boards, commissions, and/or task forces that are deemed by OAG as inactive or do not need to be formally codified.

On the effective date of this Act (September 1, 2017), the following are abolished:

1. the information resources steering committee;
2. the residential mortgage fraud task force;
3. the Electronic Recording Advisory Committee; and
4. the interagency advisory committee to the Council on Sex Offender Treatment. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.S.B. 526 amends current law relating to the abolishment of certain advisory committees and other entities created to assist or advise state agencies or officers.

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. Amends Section 402.033, Government Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(b) Requires the Texas attorney general (attorney general), if a person reports information to the attorney general about a determined or suspected fraudulent activity that has been committed or is about to be committed, to notify an appropriate law enforcement agency with jurisdiction to investigate the fraudulent activity, rather than to notify each agency with representation on the residential mortgage fraud task force under Section 402.032 (Residential Mortgage Fraud Task Force).

(d) Authorizes an authorized governmental agency to share confidential information or information to which access is otherwise restricted by law with one or more other authorized governmental agencies. Provides that, except as provided by this subsection, confidential information that is shared under this subsection remains confidential and legal restrictions on access to the information apply.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 231.013 (Information Resources Steering Committee), Family Code.

Repealer: Section 402.032, Government Code.

Repealers: Sections 195.002(d) (relating to requiring the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to consider recommendations by the Electronic Recording Advisory Committee before adopting or amending a rule) and 195.008 (Electronic Recording Advisory Committee), Local Government Code.

Repealer: Subchapter E (Interagency Advisory Committee), Chapter 110 (Council on Sex Offender Treatment), Occupations Code.

SECTION 3. Provides that, on the effective date of this Act, the information resources steering committee, the residential mortgage fraud task force, the Electronic Recording Advisory Committee, and the interagency advisory committee to the Council on Sex Offender Treatment are abolished.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2017.