

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 455
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Human Services
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that the employment-first task force is soon set to expire but suggest that the task force should be continued to allow the task force to achieve its goals with regard to promoting competitive employment of individuals with disabilities. S.B. 455 seeks to continue the task force and revise the task force's membership to conform to the ongoing health and human services consolidation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 455 amends the Government Code to postpone from September 1, 2017, to September 1, 2021, the date on which statutory provisions relating to the employment-first task force expire; to set the task force to be abolished on September 1, 2021; and to revise the required membership of the task force to conform to the transformation and the consolidation of the health and human services system. The bill requires the recommendations for policy, procedure, and rules changes developed by the task force to provide guidance and assistance to a state agency in implementing those changes and requires the task force to meet at least quarterly and at other times at the call of the task force's presiding officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE

August 31, 2017.