

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3123
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

State agencies undergo periodic review by the Sunset Advisory Commission (Sunset). The legislature frequently changes the review schedule for certain agencies to balance the workload of Sunset and to better align the reviews of agencies by grouping them based on subject matter. H.B. 3123 serves this purpose of better aligning and grouping agencies set for Sunset review in upcoming bienniums.

H.B. 3123 amends current law relating to governmental entities subject to the sunset review process.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

ARTICLE 1. ENTITIES GIVEN 2021 SUNSET DATE

SECTION 1.01. TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION. Amends Section 2152.002, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 2152.002. SUNSET PROVISION. Provides that the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Abolishes TFC, unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, and this subtitle expires September 1, 2021, rather than September 1, 2015, except for Chapter 2170 (Telecommunications Services) and Section 2157.121 (Acquisition Through Competitive Sealed Proposals).

SECTION 1.02. TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD AND TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. Amends Section 202.010, Human Resources Code, as follows:

Sec. 202.010. SUNSET PROVISION. Provides that the Texas Juvenile Justice Board (board) and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (department) are subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Abolishes the board and the department September 1, 2021, rather than September 1, 2017, unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter.

SECTION 1.03. INTERMUNICIPAL COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICTS. Amends Section 173.005, Transportation Code, as follows:

Sec. 173.005. SUNSET PROVISION. Provides that an intermunicipal commuter rail district (district) is subject to review, rather than subject every 12th year to review, under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Requires a district to be reviewed during the periods in which state agencies abolished in 2021 and every 12th year after that year are reviewed.

ARTICLE 2. ENTITIES REMOVED FROM SPECIFIC SUNSET REVIEW

SECTION 2.01. SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY. Repealer: Section 1A, Chapter 3, Acts of the 69th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1985.

SECTION 2.02. CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY. Repealer: Section 451.459 (Sunset Review), Transportation Code.

ARTICLE 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 3.01. EFFECTIVE DATE. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2015.