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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that limited state resources are being committed to current state priorities rather than to reporting requirements that no longer serve their intended purpose or are redundant of other reporting requirements. Specifically this legislation streamlines agency reporting requirements by repealing obsolete reports, reducing the frequency of some reports, and redirecting some reports to relevant recipients.

As proposed, S.B. 80 amends current law relating to certain required reports prepared by state agencies and other governmental entities.

[Note: While the statutory reference in this bill is to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), the following amendments affect the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as the successor agency to TNRCC.]

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 51.751(b), Education Code, as follows:

(b) Deletes existing text requiring the Educational Economic Policy Center to provide annual progress reports monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the accountability system under Chapter 39 (Public School System Accountability) to the governor, Legislative Budget Board (LBB), and commissioner of education.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 531.421, Government Code, to delete the existing definition of "consortium." Redesignates existing Subdivision (4) as Subdivision (3).

SECTION 3. Amends Section 531.422(c), Government Code, to require each community resource coordination group to submit a report to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), rather than the Texas System of Care Consortium (consortium), by a deadline provided by HHSC, rather than by the consortium.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 531.423, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 531.423. New heading: SUMMARY REPORT BY COMMISSION. (a) and (b) Makes conforming changes.

(c) Authorizes HHSC to include in the report recommendations for the statewide expansion of the Texas System of Care Framework, rather than the Texas System of Care. Makes a conforming change.

(d) Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 552.009(d), Government Code, as follows:

(d) Requires the Open Records Steering Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the governor, the presiding officer of each house of the legislature, the budget committee of the house of representatives, and the state affairs committee of each house of the legislature, rather than the governor, the presiding officer of each house of the legislature, and the budget committee and state affairs committee of each house of the legislature.

SECTION 6. Amends Section 2102.009, Government Code, to delete existing text including the Sunset Advisory Commission among certain officials and agencies to which the internal auditor is required to submit an annual report.

SECTION 7. Amends the heading to Subchapter E, Chapter 386, Health and Safety Code, to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. EVALUATION OF UTILITY COMMISSION ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

SECTION 8. Amends Section 386.205, Health and Safety Code, as follows:

Sec. 386.205. New heading: EVALUATION OF UTILITY COMMISSION ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS. Requires the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), in cooperation with the Energy Systems Laboratory at the Texas Engineering Experiment Station of The Texas A&M University System, to provide an annual report to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission that quantifies by county certain reductions achieved from programs implemented under Section 39.905 (Goal for Energy Efficiency), Utilities Code, rather than achieved from programs implemented by the state energy conservation office and from programs implemented under Section 39.905, Utilities Code.

SECTION 9. Amends Section 13, Chapter 1282 (H.B. 2), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, to delete existing text requiring HHSC to submit an annual report to LBB containing certain details regarding capitation payments before HHSC makes any capitation payments to managed care organizations.

SECTION 10. Repealer: Section 22.0252(b) (relating to the annual report on the telephone collection program), Human Resources Code.

Repealer: Section 26.3574(x) (relating to the quarterly report on the petroleum storage tank remediation account), Water Code.

SECTION 11. Effective date September 1, 2017.