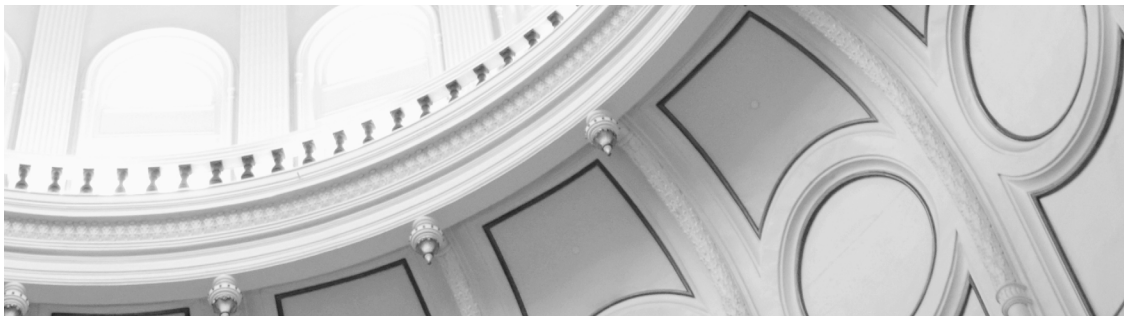




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## FOREWORD

*New, Renamed, and Abolished State Governmental Entities* is a biennial publication that provides information on the function and composition of statutory state agencies, interagency panels, advisory committees, and other state governmental entities that have been created, renamed, or eliminated by the Texas Legislature.

The **New Entities** section provides information on each of the 47 entities created by the 87th Legislature. Some of these new entities are associated with the creation, restructuring, or abolishment of another entity. In such instances, a reference to the corresponding entity is included.

The **Renamed Entities** section provides information on the single entity renamed by the 87th Legislature, including the revision of the entity's function and composition.

The **Abolished Entities** section provides information on each of the 20 entities that were explicitly abolished or that were discontinued because the statute creating the entity was repealed by the 87th Legislature. If the function of the entity was transferred to an already existing entity, that is noted. If the function was assigned to a new entity described in the New Entities section, a reference to the corresponding entity is included.

For each entity included in the publication, the following information is provided:

- *Name*—The name of the entity as it appears in the enabling legislation or a descriptive phrase for the entity. If the entity advises or is administratively attached to a state agency, or if a state agency appoints members or provides staff support to the entity, that agency's name appears in parentheses. The previous name is indicated for the renamed entity. For an abolished entity, if its function is transferred, the entity that assumes that function is also named.
- *Legislation*—The bill and specific bill sections that contain provisions creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity and that may contain other information, such as the function and composition.
- *Effective/Abolished*—The date the provision creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity becomes effective. If creation of the entity is authorized instead of mandated, that is noted.
- *Function*—Powers and duties of the entity. For the renamed entity, a brief explanation of its revised function is provided. Information about the transfer of all or part of the function to another entity is included.
- *Composition*—Membership information for the entity, including the number of members, appointment criteria, and terms of office. Information about the designation or selection of the presiding officer is included if that information is in the bill. For the renamed entity, a brief explanation of its revised composition is provided.
- *Expiration Date*—When applicable, the sunset date or other expiration date included in the legislation creating a new entity. Section 2110.008, Government Code, relating to the duration of advisory bodies, may be applicable to certain entities.

Indexes at the end of this publication provide links organized by subject area and administering agency.

The Texas Legislative Council has produced an edition of *New, Renamed, and Abolished State Governmental Entities* for each legislative session beginning with the 79th Legislature (2005). Between 1997 and 2003, similar information was provided in table form in the council publication *Summary of Enactments*.

# NEW ENTITIES

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## **1836 Project (Texas Education Agency)**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 2497](#), Sections 1 and 3

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Promotes patriotic education and increases awareness of the Texas values that continue to stimulate boundless prosperity across the state
- Promotes awareness among Texas residents of specified aspects and events of Texas history that relate to the state's history of prosperity and democratic freedom
- Advises the governor on the core Texas founding principles and how those principles further enrich the lives of its residents and may solicit statements and contributions from intellectual and cultural figures for that purpose
- Facilitates the development and implementation of the Gubernatorial 1836 Award to recognize student knowledge of Texas Independence and the other historical aspects and events promoted by the project
- Advises state agencies regarding the provision of patriotic education to the public at places important to the Texas War for Independence and the founding of Texas
- Facilitates, advises on, and promotes other activities to support public knowledge of and patriotic education on the Texas War for Independence and the founding of Texas
- Provides to the Department of Public Safety, not later than September 1, 2022, a pamphlet for distribution to certain driver's license recipients that explains the significance of state policy decisions that promote liberty and freedom for businesses and families
- Prepares and produces an initial written report not later than September 1, 2022, for publication on the Texas Education Agency website and may prepare and produce subsequent reports

**Composition (9 members):**

- 3 members appointed by the governor
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house

Membership must reflect the diversity of the state and may include persons in the private sector with relevant experience or expertise. Members serve two-year terms. The governor appoints a member as the presiding officer.

**Expiration Date:** September 1, 2036

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## **Adult High School Charter School Program Advisory Committee (Texas Education Agency)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1615](#), Sections 5, 12, 14, and 24

**Effective:** May 31, 2021



**Function:**

- Makes recommendations to the commissioner of education regarding the following:
  - The standardized secondary exit-level test adopted or developed for assessing program participants who successfully complete high school curriculum requirements
  - The accountability frameworks adopted for measuring the performance of programs operated under an adult high school charter
- Cooperates with the Texas Education Agency and commissioner in adopting or developing the test and frameworks, determining the level of test performance considered satisfactory for receipt of a high school diploma, and, at least once every three years, reviewing and if necessary revising the frameworks
- Submits initial recommendations to the commissioner not later than November 1, 2022

**Composition (7 members):**

- 1 member appointed by the governor
- 1 member appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house
- 1 member appointed by the commissioner of education
- 1 member appointed by the executive director of the Texas Workforce Commission
- 1 member appointed by the commissioner of higher education
- The superintendent of the charter school whose charter was granted under the former adult high school diploma and industry certification charter school program

Members must have experience or expertise in adult or workforce education. Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing official. The governor designates a member as presiding officer, who serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

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**Advisory Committee on the Confinement of Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (Commission on Jail Standards)**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 2831](#), Sections 1-5

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Advises and makes recommendations to the Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) on matters related to the confinement in county jail of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities
- Gathers and reviews data regarding the confinement of such persons
- Provides associated recommendations and guidelines to sheriffs and counties
- Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year beginning with 2022, submits a report including recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and appropriate legislative standing committees
- Assists TCJS with the following TCJS duties with respect to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities:
  - Monitoring and assisting county jails to improve relevant intake processes and preparing a related one-time report
  - Developing a training program for county jailers

**Composition (13 members):** The presiding officer of TCJS appoints the following:

- 1 representative of TCJS
- 1 representative of the Department of State Health Services
- 1 representative of the Health and Human Services Commission with expertise in intellectual and developmental disabilities
- 1 representative of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 1 representative of the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments
- 1 sheriff of a county with a population of 80,000 or more
- 1 sheriff of a county with a population of less than 80,000
- 2 representatives of statewide organizations that advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- 1 mental health professional with a focus on trauma and intellectual and developmental disabilities
- 1 representative from a state supported living center
- 1 member who has, or whose family member has, an intellectual or developmental disability
- 1 public member

Members serve staggered six-year terms. The presiding officer of TCJS designates a member as presiding officer, who serves a two-year term in that capacity.

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## **Barbering and Cosmetology Advisory Board** (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1560](#), Sections 3.01, 3.04, and 3.40

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Advises the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR) and Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) on education and curricula for barbering and cosmetology license applicants, the content of license examinations, proposed rules and standards on technical issues, and other issues affecting barbering and cosmetology
- Responds to questions from TCLR and TDLR regarding those occupations

**Composition (9 members):** The presiding officer of TCLR appoints the following:

- 4 members who each hold a barbering or cosmetology individual practitioner license, who must include at least 1 holder of a Class A barber license and at least 1 holder of a cosmetology operator license
- 2 members who each hold an establishment license
- 2 members who each hold a school license
- 1 public member

Members serve staggered six-year terms. The presiding officer of TCLR appoints a member as presiding officer, who serves a two-year term in that capacity.

*See also Advisory Board on Barbering and Advisory Board on Cosmetology under Abolished Entities.*

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## Broadband Development Office (Comptroller of Public Accounts)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 5](#), Sections 5-8

**Effective:** June 15, 2021

**Function:**

- Serves as a resource for information regarding broadband service and digital connectivity in Texas
- Engages in outreach to communities regarding programs it administers and regarding the expansion, adoption, affordability, and use of broadband service
- Serves as an information clearinghouse regarding relevant federal programs providing assistance to local entities
- May monitor, participate in, and provide input in certain FCC proceedings
- Establishes and administers the broadband development program
- Creates, updates, and publishes the following on the comptroller's website:
  - A map classifying designated areas as eligible or ineligible for state broadband development program funding
  - A state broadband development plan that establishes long-term goals regarding broadband services

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** Employees of the comptroller's office

### ***Board of Advisors***

**Function:**

- Provides guidance to the office regarding the expansion, adoption, affordability, and use of broadband service and the programs administered by the office
- May consult with stakeholders with technical expertise in broadband and telecommunication technology

**Composition (10 members):**

- 2 members appointed by the governor
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives
- The comptroller of public accounts or the comptroller's designee
- 1 nonvoting member appointed by and representing the broadband development office

Members serve staggered two-year terms at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The comptroller or comptroller's designee serves as the presiding officer.

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## Capital Project Oversight Advisory Commission

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 52](#), Acts of the 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021, Section 4

**Effective:** January 18, 2022

**Function:**

- Develops, in consultation with the Legislative Budget Board and comptroller of public accounts and not later than March 31, 2022, model guidelines to be considered by public institutions of higher education and university systems for procurement and construction related to certain capital projects
- May request reports and other information relating to applicable projects from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Prepares and submits a report on the model guidelines to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house not later than December 1, 2022

**Composition (9 members):**

- 1 public member appointed by the governor
- 1 state senator and 1 public member appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 state representative and 1 public member appointed by the speaker of the house
- The chairs of the senate and house committees on higher education
- The chair of the Texas Facilities Commission
- The commissioner of higher education

Members must be appointed without regard to race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin. The governor’s appointee serves as chair.

**Expiration Date:** December 31, 2022

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**Card Skimmers and Motor Fuel Metering Devices Stakeholder Work Group**  
(Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

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**Legislation:** Authorized by [House Bill 2106](#), Section 13

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Provides input, advice, and recommendations regarding the powers, duties, and administrative activities of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) under state law relating to the following:

- Payment card skimmers on motor fuel metering devices
- Inspection of motor fuel metering devices at dealers’ retail outlets
- The financial crimes intelligence center, formerly known as the payment fraud fusion center

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** Stakeholders, as determined by TDLR if the work group is established. TDLR leads the work group.

**Expiration Date:** December 1, 2022

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## Center for Healthcare Data Stakeholder Advisory Group (Center for Healthcare Data at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 2090](#), Sections 1 and 4

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Assists the Center for Healthcare Data in doing the following:

- Establishing and updating the standards, requirements, policies, and procedures relating to the collection and use of data contained in the center's Texas All Payor Claims Database
- Evaluating and prioritizing the types of consumer reports the center should publish
- Evaluating data requests from qualified research entities
- Developing the center's recommendations to the legislature to further improve the transparency, cost-effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of health care in Texas

**Composition (15 members):**

- The state Medicaid director or director's designee
- 1 member designated by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas
- 1 member designated by the Employees Retirement System of Texas
- 12 members designated by the center as follows:
  - 2 members representing the business community, with at least 1 of those members representing small businesses that purchase health benefits but are not involved in the provision of health care services, supplies, or devices or health benefit plans
  - 2 members who represent consumers and are not professionally involved in certain health care-related activities, at least 1 of whom represents the behavioral health community
  - 2 members representing hospitals licensed in Texas
  - 2 members representing health benefit plan issuers regulated by the Texas Department of Insurance
  - 2 physicians licensed to practice in Texas, 1 of whom is a primary care physician
  - 2 members who have expertise in any of certain fields and are not professionally involved in certain health care-related activities

Members serve fixed terms as prescribed by commissioner of insurance rules.

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## Citrus Budwood Advisory Council (Department of Agriculture)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 703](#), Sections 10 and 59. The council was originally created by Acts of the 74th Legislature (1995), Chapter 358 (Senate Bill 1173), Section 1.

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Advises the Department of Agriculture (TDA) on certain aspects of the citrus budwood certification program

**Composition (7 members):** The commissioner of agriculture appoints the following:

- 1 representative of the TDA
- 1 representative of The Texas A&M University-Kingsville Citrus Center at Weslaco

- 2 representatives of the citrus nursery industry
- 2 representatives of citrus growers
- 1 member with specialized knowledge in citrus diseases and pests

Members serve two-year terms.

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## Civics Training Program Advisory Board (Texas Education Agency)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 3](#), Acts of the 87th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2021, Section 1

**Effective:** December 2, 2021

**Function:** Advises the commissioner of education in developing civics training programs for teachers and administrators

**Composition (9 members):** The commissioner of education appoints the members, each of whom must be a current or former educator with at least 10 years of experience.

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## Committee on the Formation of a Texas Bicentennial Commission

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 4056](#), Sections 1-4

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Studies the formation of a Texas Bicentennial Commission to plan the state's celebration of the 2036 bicentennial, including the commission's scope and duties, composition, number of members, and the manner of appointing its members
- Submits to each member of the legislature, not later than December 30, 2022, a written report with its recommendations

**Composition (18 members):**

- 1 member appointed by the governor
- 1 member appointed jointly by the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house
- 5 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 5 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- 6 nonvoting Texas residents appointed by the governor, at least 1 of whom is appointed from each state senatorial district that contains one of the following sites:
  - Fair Park
  - The San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site
  - The Alamo
  - The State Capitol
  - Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site

The membership must reflect the racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of Texas. The voting member appointed by the governor serves as presiding officer, and the member appointed jointly by the lieutenant governor and speaker serves as assistant presiding officer.

**Expiration Date:** January 1, 2023

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## Continuing Education and Training Clearinghouse Advisory Group (State Board for Educator Certification)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1267](#), Section 5

**Effective:** June 18, 2021

**Function:**

- Reviews and provides input regarding the best practices and industry recommendations included in the continuing education and training information clearinghouse to be published by the State Board for Educator Certification
- Reviews the clearinghouse and reports its recommendations to the legislature, not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, regarding whether any required continuing education or training may be reduced, eliminated, or consolidated

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** Educators, including classroom teachers, and representatives of organizations that represent educators

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## Data Management Advisory Committee (Department of Information Resources)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 475](#), Sections 1 and 4

**Effective:** June 14, 2021

**Function:**

- Advises the Department of Information Resources (DIR) and its governing board on establishing statewide data ethics, principles, goals, strategies, standards, and architecture
- Provides guidance and recommendations on governing and managing state agency data and data management systems, including recommendations to assist agency data management officers in fulfilling certain statutory duties
- Establishes performance objectives for state agencies from the state's data-driven policy goals

**Composition (unspecified number of members):**

- The chief data officer of DIR
- The designated data management officers of certain state agencies or those officers' designees

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## ERCOT Board Selection Committee

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 2](#), Section 4

**Effective:** June 8, 2021

**Function:**

- Selects members eligible to serve on the ERCOT governing body and designates the chair and vice chair of the governing body from those members
- Retains an outside consulting firm to help select the governing body members

**Composition (3 members):**

- 1 member appointed by the governor
- 1 member appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house

Members must be Texas residents.

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## Gulf Coast Protection District

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1160](#), Section 1

**Effective:** June 16, 2021

**Function:**

- Serves as an instrumentality for protecting the coast in five specified counties; must annex certain other counties on request by the appropriate commissioners court
- May establish, construct, extend, maintain, operate, or improve a coastal barrier or storm surge gate in the manner authorized for a county bordering the Gulf of Mexico
- May establish, construct, maintain, or operate a project recommended in a certain U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ecosystem restoration report or a certain U.S. Army Corps of Engineers protection and restoration study
- May provide interior drainage remediation or improvements to reduce additional flood risk for certain projects
- May enter into applicable agreements and contracts, including with a political subdivision, state agency, federal agency, or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Exercises certain other powers and duties available to special districts
- Submits an annual report to the legislature, the Legislative Budget Board, the General Land Office, and the commissioners court of each county in which the district is located

The district is subject to a limited sunset review every 12 years.

**Composition of board of directors (11 members):**

- 6 members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, as follows:
  - 2 members representing Harris County
  - 1 member representing a municipality in the district
  - 1 member representing ports
  - 1 member representing industry
  - 1 member representing environmental concerns



- 1 member appointed by the commissioners court of Chambers County
- 1 member appointed by the commissioners court of Galveston County
- 1 member appointed by the commissioners court of Harris County
- 1 member appointed by the commissioners court of Jefferson County
- 1 member appointed by the commissioners court of Orange County

Members must be registered voters and district residents and must reside in the county or municipality they represent, if applicable. The governor’s appointments may not cause residents of a single county to make up a majority of the board.

Members serve staggered four-year terms. The board elects a member as presiding officer, who serves a two-year term in that capacity and is limited to two consecutive terms.

## **I-27 Advisory Committee (Texas Department of Transportation)**

**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1474](#), Sections 1 and 2

**Effective:** June 14, 2021

**Function:**

- Provides the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) with information on concerns and interests along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor
- Advises TxDOT on transportation improvements impacting the corridor

**Composition (23 members):**

- 1 representative of each of the following 10 counties, each of whom is either the county judge or the county judge’s designee who is an elected county official or who is the county road department administrator: Dallam, Howard, Lubbock, Midland, Moore, Potter, Sherman, Tom Green, Val Verde, and Webb Counties
- 1 representative of each of the following 7 municipalities, each of whom is either the mayor or the mayor’s designee who is the city manager or an assistant city manager: Amarillo, Big Spring, Del Rio, Laredo, Lubbock, Midland, and San Angelo
- 3 economic development professionals selected on the basis of the geographic segments established for a previous Ports-to-Plains feasibility study
- 1 business representative from the agriculture industry
- 1 business representative from the international trade industry
- 1 business representative from the energy industry

A member serves until the member resigns or ceases to hold the underlying position that qualifies the member for service. The municipality representatives appoint the six members who are economic development professionals and business representatives by majority vote. The committee elects a chair and vice-chair by majority vote.

## **Industry-Based Certification Advisory Council (Texas Workforce Commission)**

**Legislation:** [House Bill 3938](#), Sections 1-3

**Effective:** June 15, 2021

**Function:**

- Advises the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) regarding the alignment of public high school career and technology education (CTE) programs with current and future workforce needs in communities, regions, and the state
- Develops an inventory of industry-recognized credentials and certificates that may be earned by a public high school student through a CTE program and that meet certain criteria
- May consult with local workforce boards and the Texas Workforce Investment Council, Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) in developing the inventory
- Develops the initial inventory not later than January 1, 2022
- Reviews and revises the inventory annually

The TWC, the THECB, and the Texas Education Agency previously had the duty of developing the inventory.

**Composition (9 members):**

- 3 members representing industry in Texas:
  - 1 appointed by the governor
  - 1 appointed by the lieutenant governor
  - 1 appointed by the speaker of the house
- 3 members representing public school administrators or public school teachers who teach CTE courses
  - 1 appointed by the governor
  - 1 appointed by the lieutenant governor
  - 1 appointed by the speaker of the house
- 3 members representing a public junior college, public state college, or public technical institute
  - 1 appointed by the governor
  - 1 appointed by the lieutenant governor
  - 1 appointed by the speaker of the house

Members serve staggered four-year terms.

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## Issuing Financing Entity for Customer Rate Relief Bonds (Texas Public Finance Authority)

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**Legislation:** Authorized by [House Bill 1520](#), Sections 3 and 5

**Effective:** June 16, 2021

**Function:**

- Acts on behalf of the state to issue customer rate relief bonds under a Railroad Commission of Texas financing order to reimburse certain extraordinary costs incurred by gas utilities and relating to Winter Storm Uri
- Funds bond obligations and associated costs through customer rate relief property

**Composition of governing board (3 members):** Members are appointed by the Texas Public Finance Authority (TPFA) and may be current or former TPFA directors

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## Joint Interim Committee on Abandoned Wells and the Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Fund

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 3973](#), Section 1

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Studies matters related to abandoned oil and gas wells in Texas, including the costs associated with plugging abandoned wells and bonding requirements imposed on owners or operators of oil and gas wells
- Identifies potential solutions to reduce the need for general revenue spending to plug abandoned wells
- Conducts a review of the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund
- Evaluates and identifies other sources of potential revenue for purposes of the committee's goals, including federal funds and other existing state taxes and fees
- Reports findings and recommendations to the legislature not later than December 1, 2022

**Composition (10 members):**

- 5 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 5 members appointed by the speaker of the house

**Expiration Date:** January 1, 2023

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## Joint Interim Committee on Colonias and Colonia Initiatives

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1301](#), Section 2

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Studies colonias and colonia initiatives in Texas
- Determines the best methods for updating and maintaining colonia identification systems and for identifying and classifying colonias with the highest public health risks
- Considers whether colonias should be defined uniformly across all relevant state agencies and whether that definition should include certain metrics
- Assesses best practices and funding needs for surveying the services and infrastructure in, and the demographics of, each colonia
- Assesses the status of state agency tracking and reporting of state-funded colonia projects and whether improvements to tracking or reporting mechanisms are necessary
- Determines and assesses any non-infrastructure needs within colonias and options for the state to address those needs
- Assesses the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on colonias and whether additional state services are necessary to address those impacts
- Reports its findings and any legislative recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and legislature not later than September 1, 2022

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** Members of the legislative standing committees with appropriate primary jurisdiction

The committee members select a member as presiding officer.

**Expiration Date:** November 1, 2022

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## Joint Interim Committee on Land Banks

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1679](#), Section 4

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Studies the following matters with respect to land banks:
  - Powers to acquire and dispose of real property
  - Impacts on flood reduction, storm water retention and drainage, and storm resiliency
  - Impacts on affordable housing, workforce housing, or public service housing
  - Funding mechanisms
  - Impacts on tax base from properties conveyed by a land bank
  - Land banks from other states, including enabling legislation
- Not later than January 15, 2023, reports to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house summarizing the results of the study, including any recommendations for changes to the Urban Land Bank Program for a Municipality with a Population of Two Million or More

**Composition (12 members):**

- 4 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 4 members appointed by the speaker of the house
- 4 members appointed by the governor

Each appointing authority must, if practicable, prioritize appointing members who serve in certain roles or are employed in certain fields or who have specified expertise.

**Expiration Date:** September 1, 2023

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## Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Community-Based Care Transition

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1896](#), Section 12

**Effective:** June 14, 2021

**Function:**

- Monitors and reports on the following matters related to the implementation of community-based care:
  - Funding
  - Statewide and regional performance and outcomes
  - Statutory or regulatory barriers and other challenges to successful implementation

- Monitors the continued implementation of community-based care and holds public hearings on its implementation
- Reports findings and recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and members of the legislative committees with appropriate primary jurisdiction not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year

**Composition (6 members):**

- 3 state senators, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house

The lieutenant governor and speaker appoint, respectively, a senator and a representative who serve as joint chairs.

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## **Joint Oversight Committee on Investment in Information Technology Improvement and Modernization Projects**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 4018](#), Sections 1-3

**Effective:** June 18, 2021

**Function:**

- Reviews investment and funding strategies for projects to improve or modernize state agency information resources technologies
- Prescribes, in consultation with the Department of Information Resources and not later than March 31, 2022, the form, contents, and manner of submission of transition plans required from applicable state agencies for modernizing agency information technology and data-related services and capabilities
- Submits a biennial report to the legislature regarding existing and planned state agency improvement or modernization projects, associated funding methods and amounts, and strategies developed by the committee to ensure a long-term investment solution for relevant projects is in place

**Composition (6 members):**

- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The role of presiding officer alternates annually between a state senator member and a state representative member.

**Expiration Date:** September 1, 2026

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## **Legislative Public Health Oversight Board**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 966](#), Sections 6 and 7

**Effective:** June 16, 2021

**Function:** Provides oversight for public health disaster declarations and public health emergency orders issued by the commissioner of state health services under the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act and performs other duties required by law

**Composition (14 members):**

- The lieutenant governor
- The speaker of the house
- The 4 chairs of the following senate committees: Finance, State Affairs, Health and Human Services, and Education
- The 4 chairs of the following house committees: Appropriations, State Affairs, Public Health, and Public Education
- 2 additional state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 additional state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house are joint chairs.

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## **Motor Fuel Metering and Quality Advisory Board (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 2062](#), Sections 1 and 2

**Effective:** June 7, 2021

**Function:** May advise the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR) and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) on the following:

- Adoption of appropriate standards for the installation, maintenance, calibration, alteration, operation, testing, or inspection, as applicable, of motor fuel dispensing devices, motor fuel metering devices, and motor fuel
- Education and curricula for applicable license holders and license applicants and the content of licensing examinations
- Proposed rules and standards on technical issues related to motor fuel metering and quality and payment card skimmers
- Other issues affecting motor fuel metering and quality

**Composition (11 members):** The presiding officer of TCLR appoints 9 voting and 2 ex officio nonvoting members as follows:

- 4 motor fuel dealers or dealer’s designees, including:
  - 1 dealer that has fewer than 501 motor fuel metering devices registered with TDLR
  - 1 dealer that has more than 1,000 but fewer than 5,000 registered metering devices
  - 1 dealer that has more than 5,000 registered metering devices
  - 1 dealer appointed without regard to the dealer’s number of registered metering devices
- 2 representatives of motor fuel metering device service company license holders
- 1 representative of a motor fuel wholesaler or distributor
- 1 representative of a motor fuel supplier
- 1 public member

- 1 nonvoting member representing a financial institution or a credit card issuer other than a financial institution
- 1 nonvoting member representing a law enforcement agency

Appointments must be made without regard to race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin. Members serve staggered six-year terms. The presiding officer of TCLR appoints a member to serve as the board's presiding officer, who serves a one-year term in that capacity.

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## Office of Community-Based Care Transition

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1896](#), Sections 12, 34, and 35

**Effective:** June 14, 2021

**Function:**

- Assesses catchment areas in Texas where community-based foster care services may be implemented
- Develops a plan for implementing community-based care in each catchment area
- Evaluates community-based care providers and contracts with such providers to provide services in each catchment area
- Measures contract performance, provides contract oversight, and reports outcomes of community-based care providers
- Identifies the employees and other resources to be transferred to the community-based care provider to provide necessary functions and outlines the methodology for determining the employees and resources to be transferred
- Creates a risk-sharing funding model that strategically and explicitly balances financial risk between the state and the provider and mitigates the financial effects of significant unforeseen changes in the provider's duties or the region's population
- Requires the annual review and adjustment of the funding based on updated cost and finance methodologies
- Reports to the legislature at least once each calendar quarter regarding the implementation of community-based care

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The director of the office is appointed by the governor to serve at the pleasure of the governor.

**Expiration Date:** The date that community-based care is implemented in the last Department of Family and Protective Services region

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## Personal Protective Equipment Reserve Advisory Committee (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 437](#), Sections 1-3

**Effective:** June 16, 2021

**Function:** Makes recommendations to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) on the procurements needed for a statewide personal protective equipment (PPE) reserve, the

storage of the PPE in the reserve, and the distribution of the PPE to health care workers and essential personnel

**Composition (15 members):** TDEM appoints the following members:

- 1 representative of an association representing different types of hospitals and health systems
- 1 representative of an association representing nursing facilities
- 1 representative of an association representing primary care clinics
- 1 representative of an association representing nurses
- 1 representative of an association representing home hospice care providers
- 1 representative of a statewide association representing physicians
- 2 representatives of labor organizations that represent essential personnel
- 1 representative from the PPE manufacturing industry
- 1 consumer representative
- 1 representative of an association representing counties
- 1 representative of a regional advisory council from one of the state's trauma service areas
- 1 representative from the Department of State Health Services
- 1 representative from TDEM
- 1 representative from the Health and Human Services Commission

**Expiration Date:** September 1, 2023

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## State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 3932](#), Sections 1-3

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Provides for coordination among state agencies, public school districts, and military installations concerning the state's participation in and compliance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Provides its meeting dates, agendas, minutes, end-of-year reports, and other documentation to the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission as required
- Performs other functions and duties required or authorized by the compact

**Composition (unspecified number of members):**

- The governor or the governor's designee
- The chair of the Senate Committee on Education or the chair's designee
- The chair of the House Committee on Public Education or the chair's designee
- The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee
- 1 superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children, designated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA)
- 1 representative of each branch of the US armed services that maintains an installation in Texas, appointed by each respective branch
- Representatives of other offices and stakeholder groups TEA deems appropriate



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## State Energy Plan Advisory Committee

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 3](#), Section 33

**Effective:** June 8, 2021

**Function:** Prepares and submits to the legislature, not later than September 1, 2022, a comprehensive state energy plan that does the following:

- Evaluates electric and natural gas market barriers that prevent sound economic decisions
- Evaluates methods to improve the reliability, stability, and affordability of electric service in Texas
- Provides recommendations for removing those market barriers and using those improvement methods
- Evaluates the electricity market structure and pricing mechanisms used in Texas

**Composition (12 members):**

- 4 members appointed by the governor
- 4 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 4 members appointed by the speaker of the house

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## State-Owned Artifacts Collection Task Force

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1177](#), Sections 1-7

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Evaluates the need for a separate collections facility for each agency represented on the task force and compares the use of separate facilities to the use of a secure centrally located joint facility with a processing laboratory
- Analyzes the storage capacity for each agency's collection to determine if the agency's facility is adequate for the successful stewardship of its collections over the next 5 and 10 years
- Reviews the option of establishing a disaster-secure facility with separate storage areas for each agency
- Reviews certain Texas Historical Commission recommendations on creating a searchable public catalog of state-owned collections to determine the associated cost estimates and process
- Assesses any unmet need of each agency regarding state-owned collections, as determined by the task force
- Reports its findings and determinations to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and legislative standing committees with appropriate jurisdiction not later than December 1, 2022

**Composition (6 members):** The executive directors of the following state agencies each appoint 1 employee to represent the agency:

- The Texas Historical Commission
- The General Land Office

- The Texas State Library and Archives Commission
- The Parks and Wildlife Department
- The State Preservation Board
- The Texas Facilities Commission (TFC)

The TFC representative must have engineering and architectural expertise.

**Expiration Date:** September 1, 2023

## **Suicide Prevention Subcommittee** (Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council)

**Legislation:** [House Bill 4074](#), Section 2

**Effective:** June 18, 2021

**Function:**

- Focuses on statewide suicide prevention efforts using suicide data reports collected by the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council from available sources
- Establishes guidelines for the frequent use of suicide data reports in carrying out the council's purpose and establishes methods for identifying how those reports are used to make policy

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** As determined by the council

## **Texas Commission on Community College Finance**

**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1230](#), Section 1

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Makes recommendations for consideration by the 88th Legislature regarding the following:
  - The components of state funding for public junior colleges
  - The funding levels that would be sufficient to sustain viable junior college education and training and to improve student outcomes in alignment with state goals
  - The feasibility of establishing specified shared service agreements or interinstitutional collaborations for the performance of administrative services
- Examines trend and forecast data, seeks stakeholder input, and accounts for equity in student outcomes in making those recommendations
- May examine and make recommendations on other policy and finance matters to inform the required recommendations and may seek resource support from specified entities
- Submits a final report and recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, and both houses of the legislature not later than November 1, 2022

**Composition (12 members):**

- 4 members appointed by the governor as follows:
  - 1 faculty member at a public junior college

- 3 representatives of junior college leaders, business leaders, or other stakeholders knowledgeable in specified areas
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor as follows:
  - 2 state senators
  - 1 member who is an administrator of a public junior college, a business leader, or a stakeholder knowledgeable in specified areas
- 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house as follows:
  - 2 state representatives
  - 1 administrator from a public junior college
- 1 member appointed by the board of the Texas Association of Community Colleges
- 1 member appointed by the board of the Community College Association of Texas Trustees

The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker must coordinate their appointments to ensure that the membership reflects, to the extent possible, the geographic diversity of Texas public junior colleges and the ethnic diversity of the communities those colleges serve. The governor designates the presiding officer.

**Expiration Date:** January 1, 2023

## Texas Commission on Special Education Funding

**Legislation:** [House Bill 1525](#), Section 42

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Develops and makes recommendations regarding methods of financing special education in public schools and issues relating to such financing
- Prepares and delivers, not later than December 31, 2022, a report to the governor and the legislature that recommends statutory changes to improve special education funding

**Composition (7 members):**

- 1 member with an interest in special education, appointed by the governor
- 3 state senators, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house

The appointing entities must coordinate to ensure that the membership reflects, to the extent possible, the ethnic and geographic diversity of Texas. The governor designates the presiding officer.

**Expiration Date:** January 1, 2023

## Texas Commission on Virtual Education

**Legislation:** [House Bill 3643](#), Sections 1-3

**Effective:** June 15, 2021

**Function:**

- Develops and makes recommendations regarding the delivery of virtual education in the public school system and state funding for virtual education under the foundation school program
- Reports recommendations for legislative action to the governor and legislature not later than December 31, 2022

**Composition (13 members):**

- 4 members appointed by the governor who have an interest in public education and include at least the following:
  - 1 classroom teacher with at least 10 years of teaching experience
  - 1 member of the business community
  - 1 member of the civic community
- 4 members appointed by the lieutenant governor as follows:
  - 3 state senators
  - 1 public school system administrator or elected member of a public school district board
- 4 members appointed by the speaker of the house as follows:
  - 3 state representatives
  - 1 public school system administrator or elected member of a public school district board
- 1 member of the State Board of Education (SBOE), as designated by the SBOE chair

The appointing entities other than the SBOE chair must coordinate to ensure that the membership reflects, to the extent possible, the ethnic and geographic diversity of Texas. The governor designates the presiding officer.

**Expiration Date:** January 1, 2023

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**Texas Electric Utility System Restoration Corporation**  
(Public Utility Commission of Texas)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1510](#), Section 2

**Effective:** June 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Provides a lower-cost, supplemental financing mechanism by which an electric utility operating solely outside of ERCOT may obtain timely recovery of system restoration costs and by which the electric utility and the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) may attract low-cost capital to finance those costs
- Ensures that customers are not harmed as a result of its financing and that any financial savings or other benefits are appropriately reflected in customer rates
- Operates as a self-funding, special purpose public nonprofit corporation

- Participates in financial transactions and business activities limited to those authorized by the establishing legislation and subject to prior authorization by the PUC
- May retain and determine the duties and compensation of certain professionals
- May take the following actions with regard to the provision of financing, on terms and conditions consistent with a financing order:
  - Issue system restoration bonds
  - Acquire, sell, pledge, or transfer transition property, which consists of a utility's rights to and interest in certain future charges, as necessary to effect the purposes of applicable financing
  - Borrow funds from another issuer of system restoration bonds to acquire transition property and pledge that transition property to the repayment of any borrowing from another issuer
- Exercises certain other powers and duties
- Prepares and submits to the PUC for approval an annual operating budget and, if requested by the PUC, an annual report

**Composition of board of directors (5 members):** Members are appointed by the PUC and serve two-year terms.

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## Texas Electricity Supply Chain Security and Mapping Committee

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 3](#), Sections 17 and 37

**Effective:** June 8, 2021

**Function:**

- Maps the Texas electricity supply chain not later than September 1, 2022, provides the map to the Texas Energy Reliability Council, and updates the map at least annually
- Identifies critical infrastructure sources in the supply chain
- Establishes best practices to prepare facilities that provide electric service and natural gas service in the supply chain to maintain service in an extreme weather event
- Recommends oversight and compliance standards for those facilities
- Designates priority service needs to prepare for, respond to, and recover from an extreme weather event
- Develops a communication system between the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), ERCOT, and critical infrastructure sources to ensure that electricity and natural gas supplies in the supply chain are prioritized to those sources during an extreme weather event
- Creates, maintains, and updates at least annually a database identifying critical infrastructure sources with priority electricity needs for use during an extreme weather event
- Not later than January 1, 2022, submits a report of specified findings and recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, legislature, and Texas Energy Reliability Council

**Composition (4 members):**

- The executive director of the PUC or the executive director's designee
- The executive director of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) or the executive director's designee

- The president and chief executive officer of ERCOT or that person’s designee
- The chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management or the chief’s designee

The executive director of the PUC serves as chair, and the executive director of the RRC serves as vice chair.

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## Texas Energy Reliability Council (Texas Division of Emergency Management)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 3](#), Sections 3 and 17

**Effective:** June 8, 2021

**Function:**

- Fosters communication and planning to ensure preparedness with regard to energy and electricity and to ensure that the Texas energy and electrical industries meet high priority human needs and address critical infrastructure concerns
- Enhances and fosters coordination and communication in and between the energy and electric industries in Texas
- Submits to the legislature, not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, a report on the reliability and stability of the electricity supply chain in Texas, including recommendations on methods to strengthen the supply chain and decrease the frequency of extended disaster-caused power outages

**Composition (25 members):**

- The chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)
- The presiding officer of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC)
- The chief executive of the Office of Public Utility Counsel
- The presiding officer of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- The chair of the Texas Transportation Commission
- The chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)
- 1 member to represent ERCOT, appointed by the governor
- 5 members to represent participants in the Texas natural gas supply, appointed by the RRC
- 5 members to represent the electric industry, appointed by the PUC as follows:
  - 1 representative of entities that provide dispatchable electric energy to the power grid
  - 1 representative of transmission and distribution utilities
  - 1 representative of retail electric providers
  - 1 representative of municipally owned utilities
  - 1 representative of electric cooperatives
- 3 members to represent energy sectors not otherwise represented on the council, appointed by the PUC
- 5 members to represent industrial concerns, appointed by the governor and including the following:
  - 1 representative of motor fuel producers
  - 1 representative of chemical manufacturers

Each of the 6 members who are heads of state agencies and the ERCOT representative may be represented in any meeting by their respective designees. The chief of TDEM serves as presiding officer. The council may select an assistant presiding officer and secretary from among the members.

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## Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission (Texas Historical Commission)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 3257](#), Sections 1-6

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Conducts a study on antisemitism in Texas and submits a report on the results to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and each member of the legislature not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year
- Provides advice and assistance to Texas public and private schools and public institutions of higher education regarding methods of combating antisemitism and the implementation of Holocaust and genocide courses of study and awareness programs, including by developing or approving required Holocaust Remembrance Week instructional materials for school districts
- Meets with appropriate organization representatives to provide information on and to assist in planning, coordinating, or modifying antisemitism, Holocaust, and genocide awareness programs and Holocaust and genocide courses of study
- Compiles a list of volunteers who have agreed to share their verifiable knowledge and experiences regarding the Holocaust or other genocide
- Annually coordinates events memorializing the Holocaust and other genocides on certain designated days and solicits volunteers to participate in relevant commemorative events
- Collaborates with appropriate groups to support efforts to recognize International Holocaust Remembrance Day and makes recommendations as to whether that day shall be a state holiday
- May, under direction of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), contact and cooperate with specified state agencies and other entities
- Coordinates with THC in the adoption of THC rules, policies, and procedures for a matching grants program and in the THC proposal of advisory commission goals, strategies, and performance measures in the THC legislative appropriations request for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025
- Provides, jointly with the Texas Historical Commission and not later than December 1, 2022, a progress report to the Sunset Advisory Commission on the implementation of provisions of the establishing legislation

**Composition (9 members):**

- 9 Texas residents appointed by the governor

The membership must include members who have certain qualifications. Members serve staggered six-year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms. The governor designates a member as presiding officer, who serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

*See also Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission under Abolished Entities.*

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## Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council (Comptroller of Public Accounts)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 1827](#), Sections 1 and 2

**Effective:** June 16, 2021

**Function:**

- Ensures that money recovered by the state through a statewide opioid settlement agreement is allocated fairly and spent to remediate the opioid crisis in Texas
- Is allocated, and directs the distribution of, the remainder of 70 percent of the total amount obtained under a statewide opioid settlement agreement and distributed to the opioid abatement account and the opioid abatement trust fund, after deduction of a certain distribution to the Texas Access to Justice Foundation
- Allocates the council share of money obtained under the settlement agreement as specified by the establishing legislation and according to the council's opioid abatement strategy
- Determines and approves one or more evidence-based opioid abatement strategies, which must include an annual regional allocation methodology for 75 percent of the money distributed and an annual allocation to targeted interventions for the remaining 25 percent
- Administers certain funding through a grant award process
- Determines the percentage of money that may be used for development of education and outreach programs
- Submits an annual expenditure report to the legislature

**Composition (14 members):**

- 6 members from academia or the medical profession who have significant experience in opioid interventions, each of whom represents one of the following groups of regional health care partnership regions and is appointed by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):
  - Regions 9 and 10
  - Region 3
  - Regions 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 19
  - Regions 6, 7, 8, and 16
  - Regions 1, 2, 17, and 18
  - Regions 4, 5, and 20
- 4 current or retired licensed health care professionals with significant experience in treating opioid-related harms, appointed as follows:
  - 1 member appointed by the governor
  - 1 member appointed by the lieutenant governor
  - 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house
  - 1 member appointed by the attorney general
- 2 employees of hospital districts:
  - 1 member appointed by the governor
  - 1 member appointed by the attorney general
- 1 member of a law enforcement agency who has experience with opioid-related harms, appointed by the governor
- The comptroller or comptroller's designee, as a nonvoting member



The members appointed by the executive commissioner of HHSC are selected from lists provided by qualifying counties and municipalities. The other appointing authorities must coordinate to ensure that the membership reflects, to the extent possible, the ethnic and geographic diversity of Texas. The comptroller or comptroller's designee serves as presiding officer.

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## Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation (State Board of Education)

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**Legislation:** Authorized by [Senate Bill 1232](#), Sections 1.05-1.08 and Article 2

**Effective:** The provisions authorizing the establishment of the corporation take effect September 1, 2021.

**Function:**

- Manages and invests the permanent school fund (PSF) and the charter district bond guarantee reserve fund, including by performing certain duties to be transferred from the School Land Board
- May delegate PSF investment authority to one or more private professional investment managers or contract with one or more such managers to assist the corporation in making PSF investments
- May receive, transfer, and disburse PSF money and securities as provided by statute or the Texas Constitution, except that distributions from the PSF to the available school fund (ASF) must be made only within the constitutional limitation and as explicitly authorized by the corporation's establishing legislation
- Develops and establishes an annual minimum distribution rate for distributions from the PSF to the ASF
- May contract to manage or invest funds on behalf of a state agency, governmental body, or other entity
- Coordinates with the State Board of Education (SBOE) and the Texas Education Agency to determine the corporation's role in connection with the PSF bond guarantee program
- Receives certain transfers from the PSF real estate special fund account managed by the School Land Board and serves as an additional recipient of the School Land Board's biennial report to the legislature regarding the use of applicable PSF money
- Submits to the SBOE and the General Land Office (GLO) an annual report on the allocation of assets and investment performance of the portion of PSF money for which the corporation is responsible
- Submits to the legislature, comptroller of public accounts, SBOE, and Legislative Budget Board (LBB) a biennial report, not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, regarding the anticipated transfer of funds from the PSF to the ASF during the subsequent state fiscal biennium

### ***Board of directors***

**Function:**

- Determines the hiring process for the corporation's chief executive officer
- Adopts an ethics policy providing standards of conduct relating to the management and investment of the PSF

- Develops written objectives for PSF investment and employs a well-recognized performance measurement service to evaluate and analyze investment results
- Submits an annual audit report to the LBB

**Composition (9 members):**

- 5 members of the SBOE, appointed by the SBOE
- The commissioner of the GLO
- 3 members with substantial background and expertise in investment and asset management, as follows:
  - 1 member appointed by the GLO commissioner
  - 2 members who are not members of the SBOE or the School Land Board, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate

The terms of the SBOE appointees are determined by SBOE rule. The other members serve staggered six-year terms. Appointments must be made without regard to race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin. The board of directors elects its own officers.

**Texas Produced Water Consortium (Texas Tech University)**

**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 601](#), Sections 1-3

**Effective:** June 18, 2021

**Function:**

- Studies the economic, environmental, and public health considerations of beneficial uses of fluid oil and gas waste and the technology needed for those uses
- Brings together information resources to study those topics
- Makes information about its work publicly available on a website maintained by Texas Tech University (TTU)
- Produces a report, not later than September 1, 2022, including the following:
  - Suggested changes to laws and regulations to better enable beneficial uses of fluid oil and gas waste
  - Suggested guidance for applicable testing and permitting standards
  - A qualifying pilot project for state participation in a fluid oil and gas waste recycling facility
  - An economic model for using fluid oil and gas waste in a way that is economical, efficient, and protective of public health and the environment
- After October 1, 2022, may pursue research and investigation goals as directed by consortium members or may be disbanded by TTU

**Composition (unspecified number of entities):**

- Texas Tech University (TTU)
- Private entities
- The agency advisory council
- The stakeholder advisory council
- The technical and economic steering committee

### ***Agency advisory council***

**Function:**

- Advises the consortium on matters related to the subject matter expertise of the agencies represented, including matters related to the regulation and permitting of, and treatment standards for, fluid oil and gas waste
- Collaborates with TTU to create a fee structure establishing various levels of membership costs for private entities

**Composition (8 members):** Representatives of the following state agencies:

- The Department of Agriculture
- The General Land Office
- The Parks and Wildlife Department
- The Railroad Commission of Texas
- The State Energy Conservation Office
- The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- The Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office
- The Texas Water Development Board

### ***Stakeholder advisory council***

**Function:** Advises the consortium on matters related to research, investigation, and contract development

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** Representatives of the following interests and industries, appointed by TTU from consortium member entities, if applicable, or from outside the consortium:

- The oil and gas industry
- Agricultural water users
- Industrial water users
- Environmental interests
- Fluid oil and gas waste recycling operators
- Public water utilities
- Landowners or owners of groundwater rights
- Commercial water recyclers and midstream water companies
- Other appropriate interests or industries

### ***Technical and economic steering committee***

**Function:** Determines the feasibility of proposals for research or investigation by the consortium and decides which proposals the consortium will accept for research or investigation

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** Members with technical, economic, and scientific expertise, appointed by TTU

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## **Texas Volunteer Incident Response Team (Department of Information Resources)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 475](#), Sections 6, 11, and 12

**Effective:** June 14, 2021

**Function:** Provides rapid response assistance to a participating state agency, public institution of higher education, or local government under the direction of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) during a cybersecurity event

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** Contracted volunteers who are approved by DIR and meet the department's prescribed eligibility criteria

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## **TexNet Technical Advisory Committee** (The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 632](#), Section 1

The advisory committee was originally established by [House Bill 2819](#), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session (2017) in provisions that expired September 1, 2019.

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Develops recommendations for a program of work to assist the TexNet seismic monitoring program and any affiliated research efforts in accomplishing the program's goals
- Reviews and approves or rejects program expenditures
- Prepares and approves an annual budget for the use of any program funds appropriated by the legislature
- Provides oversight and input on the acquisition, deployment, and operation of new and existing program equipment
- Ensures that there is a monthly transmission of the data collected by the program's seismic equipment to the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology database
- Prepares and submits to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house, jointly with The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology and not later than December 31 of each even-numbered year, a report that includes a review of the use of any appropriated funds, a listing and accounting of research funding through the program, and recommendations related to ongoing program operations and requirements

**Composition (10 members):**

- 9 members appointed by the governor, including the following:
  - 1 representative of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) who specializes in seismology, geomechanical engineering, reservoir engineering, or another related field, recommended by the executive director of the RRC
  - At least 3 additional representatives from the oil and gas industry
- The director of The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology, as an ex officio nonvoting member

The governor's appointees must work or reside in Texas. The governor designates the chair, who serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

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## Urban Air Mobility Advisory Committee (Texas Transportation Commission)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 763](#), Section 1

**Effective:** June 14, 2021

**Function:**

- Assesses current state law and any potential changes to state law needed to facilitate the development of urban air mobility operations and infrastructure in Texas
- Holds public hearings in locations across Texas or via electronic means and receives comments through a website, by mail, and by other methods, if appropriate
- Reports its findings and recommendations to the Texas Transportation Commission and members of the legislature not later than September 1, 2022

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** The Texas Transportation Commission appoints members to represent the following:

- Diverse geographic regions of Texas
- State and local law enforcement
- The urban air mobility industry
- Transportation experts
- Commercial airport representatives
- Vertical takeoff and landing operators
- Local governments
- The general public

**Expiration Date:** January 1, 2023

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## Work Group on Blockchain Matters

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1576](#), Sections 1-3

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Develops a master plan for the expansion of the blockchain industry in Texas and recommends related policies and state investments
- In developing the plan, identifies economic growth and development opportunities presented by blockchain technology, assesses the existing blockchain industry in Texas, reviews workforce needs and academic programs required to build blockchain expertise across all relevant industries, and makes any appropriate legislative recommendations based on those findings
- Submits to each legislative standing committee with appropriate primary jurisdiction, not later than October 31, 2022, a report that includes the master plan and any findings and recommendations from sub-work groups, if applicable

**Composition (16 members):**

- 4 members appointed by the governor, as follows:

- 2 members representing public institutions of higher education
- 1 ex officio member representing the Department of Information Resources
- 1 ex officio member representing the secretary of state
- 1 state representative, appointed by the speaker of the house
- 1 state senator, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 10 public members who either have knowledge and experience in blockchain technology or represent an industry that would benefit from the use of blockchain technology, appointed as follows:
  - 5 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
  - 5 members appointed by the speaker of the house

The governor designates one of the members representing public institutions of higher education as chair. The state senator member and state representative member serve as co-vice chairs.

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2023

## **Work Group on the Preparation for Adult Living Program for Foster Youth (Department of Family and Protective Services)**

**Legislation:** [House Bill 700](#), Section 1

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:**

- Develops a plan to ensure that foster youth who complete the standardized curriculum for the Preparation for Adult Living Program are eligible to receive college credit for completing the program
- In developing its evidence-based recommendations, considers the feasibility of implementing each recommendation, a foster youth’s access to the program, and the average length of time a foster youth will remain in a placement

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** Representatives from urban and rural public institutions of higher education

Membership is established by the Department of Family and Protective Services in coordination with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**Expiration Date:** September 1, 2023

## **Work Group on the Strategic Plan to Improve the Child-Care Workforce (Texas Workforce Commission)**

**Legislation:** [House Bill 619](#), Section 1

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Assists the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in developing a strategic plan for improving the quality of the infant, toddler, preschool, and school-age child-care workforce in Texas. The plan, which is updated triennially, includes recommendations and best practices on specified topics, along with an implementation timeline and benchmarks.

**Composition (unspecified number of members):** Must include child-care providers, community stakeholders, and child-care workers

Membership is established by the TWC.

## RENAMED ENTITIES

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### **Financial Crimes Intelligence Center** (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

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**Previous Name:** Payment Fraud Fusion Center

**Legislation:** [House Bill 2106](#), Sections 2, 7, 11, and 15

**Effective:** September 1, 2021

**Function (revised):** Revised to make the following changes, among others:

- Transfer responsibility for the center from the office of the attorney general to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
- Remove a requirement for the establishment of the center in the City of Tyler
- Expand the center's information-collecting and outreach duties and the entities it may assist
- Require an annual report

**Composition (revised; unspecified number of members):** Revised to transfer supervision and management of the center from a director appointed by the attorney general to a chief intelligence coordinator appointed by agreement between the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and a law enforcement agency or other government agency



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# ABOLISHED ENTITIES

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## Advisory Board on Barbering (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1560](#), Section 3.40(b)

**Abolished:** December 1, 2021

**Function:** Advised the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on the administration of licensing provisions related to barbering. The new Barbering and Cosmetology Advisory Board now provides a similar function.

**Composition:** 5 members

*See also Barbering and Cosmetology Advisory Board under New Entities.*

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## Advisory Board on Cosmetology (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1560](#), Section 3.40(b)

**Abolished:** December 1, 2021

**Function:** Advised the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on the administration of licensing provisions related to cosmetology. The new Barbering and Cosmetology Advisory Board now provides a similar function.

**Composition:** 9 members

*See also Barbering and Cosmetology Advisory Board under New Entities.*

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## Agri-Tech Program Merit Review Committee (Department of Agriculture)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 703](#). The committee is abolished in Section 56 of the bill by the repeal of Section 49.006, Agriculture Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Evaluated the effectiveness of the agricultural technology program, which funds research on methods to address agricultural crises, and reported biennially to the Department of Agriculture

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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## **Boll Weevil Eradication Rules Advisory Committee (Department of Agriculture)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 703](#). Authority for the advisory committee is removed in Section 56 of the bill by the repeal of Section 74.120(d), Agriculture Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Assisted the commissioner of agriculture in the development of rules relating to cotton pest control and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation

**Composition:** 12 members

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## **Coordinated Transportation Advisory Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 970](#). Authority for the advisory committee is removed in Section 1(c) of the bill by the repeal of Chapter 131, Human Resources Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Advised the abolished Health and Human Services Office of Community Transportation Services

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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## **Early Childhood Health and Nutrition Interagency Council (Department of Agriculture)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 703](#). The council is abolished in Section 56 of the bill by the repeal of Chapter 116, Health and Safety Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Reviewed current research, applicable state agency programs, and other issues relating to early childhood health, nutrition, and physical activity and developed a six-year improvement plan

**Composition:** 8 members

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## **Fire Fighter Advisory Committee (Texas Commission on Fire Protection)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 709](#). The advisory committee is abolished in Section 9 of the bill by the repeal of Section 419.023, Government Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Assisted the Texas Commission on Fire Protection in matters related to fire protection personnel, volunteer fire fighters, fire departments, and volunteer fire departments and reviewed related rules

**Composition:** 9 members

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## **Food and Fibers Research Council (Department of Agriculture)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 703](#). The council is abolished in Section 56 of the bill by the repeal of Chapter 42, Agriculture Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Administered the former food and fibers research grant program, which funded surveys, research, and investigations relating to cotton plant products and other textile products

**Composition:** 13 members

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## **“Go Texan” Partner Program Advisory Board (Department of Agriculture)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 703](#). The advisory board is abolished in Section 56 of the bill by the repeal of Section 46.010, Agriculture Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Reviewed funding applications and advised the Department of Agriculture on the adoption of rules and administration of funds relating to the “Go Texan” Partner Program, which provides matching funds for promoting Texas agricultural products

**Composition:** At least 8 members

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## **Health Care Information Technology Advisory Committee (Statewide Health Coordinating Council)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 970](#), Section 10

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Developed a long-range plan for health care information technology, including various methods of incorporating information technology in pursuit of greater cost-effectiveness and better patient outcomes

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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## **Polygraph Advisory Committee (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1560](#), Section 2.06

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Advised the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation on matters relating to polygraph examinations, polygraph examiners, and the administration of associated licensing provisions

**Composition:** 5 members

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## **Shrimp Advisory Committee (Department of Agriculture)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 703](#). The advisory committee is abolished in Section 56 of the bill by the repeal of Section 47.053, Agriculture Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Assisted the commissioner of agriculture in the implementation of the Texas shrimp marketing assistance program and in the expenditure of program funds

**Composition:** 9 members

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## **Stakeholder Committee on Uniform Project Prioritization Standards (Texas Water Development Board)**

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 1905](#). The committee is abolished in Section 8 of the bill by the repeal of Section 15.436, Water Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Established uniform standards to be used by regional water planning groups in prioritizing regional water plan projects

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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## **Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Model Program Advisory Committee (Department of State Health Services)**

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 970](#). Authority for the advisory committee is removed in Section 1 of the bill by the repeal of Section 673.004, Health and Safety Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Assisted the Department of State Health Services in developing the former sudden infant death syndrome model program

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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## Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (Texas Historical Commission)

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**Legislation:** [House Bill 3257](#). The commission is abolished in Section 3 of the bill by the repeal of Chapter 449, Government Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Provided guidance on Holocaust and genocide courses of study and awareness programs and events memorializing the Holocaust and other genocides. The new Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission now provides a similar function.

**Composition:** 18 members

*See also Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission under New Entities.*

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## Texas Nursery and Floral Advisory Council (Department of Agriculture)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 703](#). The council is abolished in Section 56 of the bill by the repeal of Section 12.0178, Agriculture Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Advised the Department of Agriculture on the most effective methods for promoting and marketing the Texas nursery and floral industries

**Composition:** 7 members

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## Texas Rural Foundation (Department of Agriculture)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 703](#). The foundation is abolished in Section 56 of the bill by the repeal of Subchapter P, Chapter 487, Government Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Raised money from foundations, governmental entities, and other sources to finance health, community, and economic development programs in rural areas of Texas

**Composition (board of directors):** At least 9 and not more than 15 members

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## Texas Rural Health and Economic Development Advisory Council and Rural Health Task Force (Department of Agriculture)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 703](#). The advisory council and task force are abolished in Section 56 of the bill by the repeal of Subchapter R, Chapter 487, Government Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

### ***Texas Rural Health and Economic Development Advisory Council***

**Function:** Advised the commissioner of agriculture, the Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Affairs, and the director of the office on rural policy priorities, reviewed state agencies' rural policies and programs, made recommendations regarding the allocation of federal block grant money, and developed a rural policy plan

**Composition:** 9 members

### ***Rural Health Task Force***

**Function:** Assisted the advisory council's efforts to expand and improve rural access to health care and developed a statewide rural health plan

**Composition:** The members of the advisory council or a portion of those members

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## Texas-Israel Exchange Advisory Committee (Department of Agriculture)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 703](#). Authority for the advisory committee is removed in Section 56 of the bill by the repeal of Section 45.009, Agriculture Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Provided guidance and direction on activities and expenditures relating to the Texas-Israel exchange research program

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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## Wine Industry Development Advisory Committee (Department of Agriculture)

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**Legislation:** [Senate Bill 703](#). The advisory committee is abolished in Section 56 of the bill by the repeal of Section 50B.002, Agriculture Code.

**Abolished:** September 1, 2021

**Function:** Developed a long-term vision and marketable identity for the Texas wine industry and advised and assisted the commissioner of agriculture regarding the uses of the wine industry development fund and the implementation of the Texas wine marketing assistance program

**Composition:** Unspecified number of members

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