

SUBJECT: Abolishing certain state governmental entities

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 9 ayes — Seidlits, S. Turner, Black, Bosse, Danburg, B. Hunter, D. Jones, McCall, Ramsay

0 nays

6 absent — Alvarado, Carter, Craddick, Hilbert, Hochberg, Wolens

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, April 26 — voice vote

WITNESSES: None

BACKGROUND: Certain advisory boards, commissions and councils have been established by the Legislature to fulfill a purpose or specific responsibility. These entities' tasks have expired but the entities themselves have not been abolished.

DIGEST: CSSB 1428 would abolish several boards and committees including:

- the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas Advisory Board;
- the Beach Study Committee;
- the Texas Children 2000 Organizational Committee;
- the Joint Interim Committee on the Texas Cultural Endowment Fund;
- the Texas High-Speed Rail Authority, requiring all unobligated funds transferred to the general revenue fund;
- the Texas Partnership for Economic Development, transferring any unencumbered assets to the Texas Department of Commerce or authorizing its continuance, if established, as a nonprofit corporation;

- the Edwards Aquifer Legislative Oversight Committee;
- the Educational Economic Policy Center;
- the Environmental Advisory Committee to the Texas Department of Transportation;
- the Gateway State Park Board;
- the Texas Hazardous Materials Safety Council;
- the Texas Incentive and Productivity Commission, transferring all powers, duties, obligations, funds and employees of the commission to the governor's office;
- the Texas Innovation Information Network System, allowing for continuance after the effective date for disposing any unencumbered assets;
- the Texas Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations;
- the Select Committee on Rate and Policy Form Regulation;
- the Job Training Partnership Act Monitoring Committee;
- the Uniform Jury Handbook Legislative Oversight Committee;
- the Legislative Criminal Justice Board;
- the Legislative Health and Human Services Board;
- the Advisory and Oversight Committee on Medical and Health Care Professions Minority Recruitment;
- the Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee;
- the Texas Partnership and Scholarship Program Advisory Council;
- the Postadoption Services Advisory Committee;

- the State Preservation Board Permanent Advisory Committee;
- the Product Development Advisory Board;
- the Role of the Family in Reducing Recidivism Advisory Committee; and
- the Smart Jobs Fund Program Legislative Review Committee.

The General Services Commission would be required to keep the property and records of an abolished state governmental entity unless another agency is designated by the governor.

The bill would take effect September 1, 1995.

NOTES:

The committee substitute differs from the version passed by the Senate by abolishing the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas Advisory Board, the Texas High-Speed Rail Authority, the Texas Incentive and Productivity Commission, and the Legislative Health and Human Services Board.