

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The Communities in Schools program is an exemplary program that exists to help young people learn, stay in school, and prepare for a successful life by providing school-based social services and links to community resources. It is the intent of the legislature that the Communities in Schools program operate throughout the state. In order to maximize the effectiveness of the Communities in Schools program, it is necessary to appoint a bipartisan advisory council to serve in an advisory capacity to the Communities in Schools of Texas, Incorporated, office.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.C.R. 53 submits the following resolutions:

Provides that the 77th Texas Legislature hereby creates the Communities in Schools of Texas State Advisory Council with a scope of responsibilities limited to:

- (1) public relations and marketing in order to develop and implement a statewide marketing campaign to promote the Communities in Schools program concept and the effectiveness of its prevention model and to educate state and community leaders by increasing public awareness of school dropout problems and the effectiveness of the prevention model in addressing those problems;
- (2) replication of the Communities in Schools program throughout all independent school districts in the state by helping to secure funding in new communities and by introducing community leaders to the Communities in Schools program;
- (3) fundraising and resource development and the development and implementation of a fundraising strategy in coordination with the Communities in Schools of Texas, Incorporated, office to secure additional private funds to ensure the expansion and sustainability of the Communities in Schools program statewide and assist the program to obtain additional resources and secure partnerships to further the mission of the program;
- (4) strategic planning and the development and implementation of a strategic plan in coordination with the Communities in Schools of Texas, Incorporated, office in order to support the program's goals and objectives.

Provides that the governor, the lieutenant governor, the senator for District 14, the Communities in Schools of Texas, Incorporated, office, the Communities in Schools National Office, and the Communities in Schools Executive Directors Association of Texas may propose a list of individuals from the public and private sectors to serve as members of the advisory council without regard to the race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, age, or national origin of the proposed member. Provides that the proposed members of the advisory council must be representative of the ethnic diversity of the state's population and must reflect the interests of the major regions of the state. Provides that the advisory council shall be composed of 15

members, with nine members being appointed by the governor, three members being appointed by the lieutenant governor, and three members being appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Provides that members of the advisory council serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses. Provides that the advisory council members shall serve staggered three-year terms and that the initial appointments to the council shall be made with terms of one, two, or three years as necessary so that one-third of the appointed members' terms expire each year. Provides that provisions relating to membership requirements on the council shall be determined under the conditions and in accordance with the procedures provided by the bylaws of the advisory council. Provides that the advisory council shall work closely with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to support the implementation and growth of the Communities in Schools program statewide.