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S.B. No. 2120

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Task Force on Eating Disorders Prevalence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services Commission.

(2) "Department" means the Department of State Health Services.

(3) "Task force" means the Task Force on Eating Disorders Prevalence.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The Task Force on Eating Disorders Prevalence is established to study, evaluate, and make recommendations to the legislature based on the conclusions published in the department's report, Eating Disorders Prevalence, December 2024, regarding:

(1) treatment accessibility for individuals who have low or no income and are living with an eating disorder;

(2) resource development for low- or no-income individuals with an eating disorder living in rural areas;

(3) policy developments to assist residents of this state with recovery from eating disorders;

(4) research and data collection to understand the causes, prevalence, and effects of eating disorders on this state and inform effective interventions and treatment;

1 (5) coordination of services and exploration of
2 collaboratives among various interested persons, including health
3 care providers, educators, mental health professionals, and
4 community organization members, to create an integrated and
5 cohesive response to eating disorders; and

6 (6) any recommendations for legislative or other
7 action necessary to assist people with eating disorders in this
8 state.

9 SECTION 3. TASK FORCE COMPOSITION. The task force is
10 composed of 14 members with expertise in eating disorders,
11 appointed by the executive commissioner of the commission as
12 follows:

13 (1) three members, each of whom specializes and has at
14 least five years of experience in treating eating disorders at a
15 health care facility or in private practice, including:

16 (A) at least one licensed professional counselor
17 as defined by Section 503.002, Occupations Code; and

18 (B) at least one licensed clinical social worker
19 as defined by Section 505.002, Occupations Code;

20 (2) two members who are physicians, each of whom
21 specializes and has at least five years of experience in treating
22 eating disorders;

23 (3) three members, each of whom is an employee of a
24 nonprofit organization that serves low- or no-income populations
25 and is a professional specializing in mental illness or drugs and
26 alcohol;

27 (4) two members of the public, each of whom:

1 (A) has experience as a caregiver to someone
2 living with an eating disorder; or

3 (B) has been diagnosed with an eating disorder;

4 (5) one member who is an attorney with expertise in
5 mental health issues;

6 (6) two certified nutritionists, each of whom
7 specializes and has at least five years of experience in treating
8 eating disorders; and

9 (7) one member representing any other entity as the
10 task force considers necessary.

11 SECTION 4. OFFICERS. (a) The task force shall, at its
12 initial meeting, elect from among the task force members a
13 presiding officer who will be responsible for calling and
14 conducting meetings.

15 (b) The task force may elect an assistant presiding officer
16 and secretary from among the task force members.

17 SECTION 5. MEETINGS. (a) The task force shall meet at least
18 two times each year, at a time and place determined by the presiding
19 officer of the task force.

20 (b) The task force may meet at other times the task force
21 considers appropriate. The presiding officer may call a meeting on
22 the presiding officer's own motion.

23 (c) The task force may meet by teleconference.

24 SECTION 6. COMPENSATION; REIMBURSEMENT. A member of the
25 task force may not receive compensation or reimbursement for the
26 member's service on the task force.

27 SECTION 7. GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. The task force may

1 accept gifts, grants, or donations on behalf of the task force to
2 carry out the task force's duties under this Act.

3 SECTION 8. APPLICATION OF OTHER LAW. Chapter [2110](#),
4 Government Code, does not apply to the task force.

5 SECTION 9. REPORT. (a) Not later than December 1, 2026,
6 the task force shall submit a written report on the task force's
7 evaluations, conclusions, recommendations, and summaries to the
8 legislature.

9 (b) The task force may post written evaluations,
10 conclusions, recommendations, and summaries on the department's
11 Internet website.

12 SECTION 10. ABOLISHMENT; EXPIRATION. The task force is
13 abolished and this Act expires September 1, 2027.

14 SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
15 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
16 elected to each house, as provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas
17 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
18 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.