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H.B. No. 2783

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the Pediatric Acute-Onset
Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle E, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is
amended by adding Chapter 119A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 119A. PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Sec. 119A.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "advisory
council" means the Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome
Advisory Council established under this chapter.

Sec. 119A.002. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL. The
Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council
is established to advise the commission and the legislature on
research, diagnosis, treatment, and education related to pediatric
acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

Sec. 119A.003. APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

(a) The advisory council is composed of the following 19 members:

(1) one member designated by the executive
commissioner;

(2) two members of the senate appointed by the
lieutenant governor;

(3) two members of the house of representatives
appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

1 (4) 14 members appointed by the governor with the
2 following qualifications:

3 (A) one member who is a licensed health care
4 provider with expertise in treating persons with pediatric
5 acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric
6 autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
7 streptococcal infections, and autism;

8 (B) one member who is an osteopathic physician
9 with experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset
10 neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune
11 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
12 infections;

13 (C) one member who is a pediatrician with
14 experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset
15 neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune
16 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
17 infections;

18 (D) one member who is a child psychiatrist with
19 experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset
20 neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune
21 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
22 infections;

23 (E) one member who is an immunologist with
24 experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset
25 neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune
26 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
27 infections, and the use of intravenous immunoglobulin;

1 (F) one member who is a dietician or nutritionist
2 who provides services to children with autism spectrum disorders,
3 attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorders, and other
4 neuro-developmental conditions;

5 (G) one member with experience in conducting
6 research on pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome,
7 including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders
8 associated with streptococcal infections, obsessive-compulsive
9 disorder, tic disorders, and other neurological disorders;

10 (H) one member who is licensed by this state to
11 practice as a social worker;

12 (I) one member who is a representative of the
13 Texas Education Agency with expertise in special education
14 services;

15 (J) one member who is a representative of a
16 professional organization in this state for school psychologists;

17 (K) one member who is a representative of a
18 professional organization in this state for school nurses;

19 (L) one member who is a representative of an
20 advocacy and support group in this state for individuals affected
21 by pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including
22 pedsiatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
23 streptococcal infections;

24 (M) one member who is a representative of an
25 advocacy and support group in this state for individuals affected
26 by autism; and

27 (N) one member who is a parent of a child who has

1 been diagnosed with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric
2 syndrome or autism.

3 (b) The member designated by the executive commissioner
4 serves as an ex officio nonvoting member. In the event of a tie vote
5 among the members of the advisory council, the member designated by
6 the executive commissioner may cast the deciding vote.

7 (c) Each member of the advisory council must be a citizen of
8 this state.

9 Sec. 119A.004. TERMS; VACANCY. (a) Advisory council
10 members appointed by the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the
11 house of representatives serve terms that coincide with their
12 offices. The remaining members serve two-year terms.

13 (b) A vacancy on the advisory council shall be filled in the
14 same manner as the original appointment.

15 (c) A member appointed to fill a vacancy holds the office
16 for the unexpired portion of the term.

17 (d) Each member may be reappointed to serve on the advisory
18 council.

19 Sec. 119A.005. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR. Members of the
20 advisory council shall elect from among the legislative members of
21 the advisory council a chair and vice-chair.

22 Sec. 119A.006. MEETINGS; QUORUM. (a) The advisory council
23 shall meet at times and locations as determined by the chair or a
24 majority of the members of the advisory council.

25 (b) A majority of the members of the advisory council
26 constitute a quorum.

27 Sec. 119A.007. ANNUAL REPORT. Not later than September 1 of

1 each year, the advisory council shall prepare and submit to the
2 governor, legislature, and commission a written report that
3 includes recommendations on:

4 (1) practice guidelines for the diagnosis and
5 treatment of pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome,
6 including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders
7 associated with streptococcal infections;

8 (2) mechanisms to increase clinical awareness and
9 education regarding pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric
10 syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric
11 disorders associated with streptococcal infections, among
12 physicians, including pediatricians, school-based health centers,
13 and mental health care providers;

14 (3) strategies for outreach to educators and parents
15 to increase awareness of pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric
16 syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric
17 disorders associated with streptococcal infections; and

18 (4) developing a network of volunteer experts on the
19 diagnosis and treatment of pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric
20 syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric
21 disorders associated with streptococcal infections, to assist in
22 the delivery of education and outreach.

23 Sec. 119A.008. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT. A member of
24 the advisory council is not entitled to compensation or
25 reimbursement for expenses incurred in performing advisory council
26 duties.

27 Sec. 119A.009. SUNSET PROVISION. The Pediatric Acute-Onset

1 Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council is subject to Chapter
2 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in
3 existence as provided by that chapter, the advisory council is
4 abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2031.

5 Sec. 119A.010. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Chapter 2110,
6 Government Code, does not apply to the advisory council.

7 SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 2019, the governor,
8 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and
9 executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
10 shall appoint the members to the Pediatric Acute-Onset
11 Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council as required by Section
12 119A.003, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.