

1-1 By: Wilson (Senate Sponsor - Buckingham) H.B. No. 2783
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2019;
 1-3 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 20, 2019, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the establishment of the Pediatric Acute-Onset
 1-20 Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subtitle E, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Chapter 119A to read as follows:

1-24 CHAPTER 119A. PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME
 1-25 ADVISORY COUNCIL

1-26 Sec. 119A.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "advisory
 1-27 council" means the Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome
 1-28 Advisory Council established under this chapter.

1-29 Sec. 119A.002. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL. The
 1-30 Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council
 1-31 is established to advise the commission and the legislature on
 1-32 research, diagnosis, treatment, and education related to pediatric
 1-33 acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

1-34 Sec. 119A.003. APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

1-35 (a) The advisory council is composed of the following 19 members:

1-36 (1) one member designated by the executive
 1-37 commissioner;

1-38 (2) two members of the senate appointed by the
 1-39 lieutenant governor;

1-40 (3) two members of the house of representatives
 1-41 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

1-42 (4) 14 members appointed by the governor with the
 1-43 following qualifications:

1-44 (A) one member who is a licensed health care
 1-45 provider with expertise in treating persons with pediatric
 1-46 acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric
 1-47 autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
 1-48 streptococcal infections, and autism;

1-49 (B) one member who is an osteopathic physician
 1-50 with experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset
 1-51 neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune
 1-52 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
 1-53 infections;

1-54 (C) one member who is a pediatrician with
 1-55 experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset
 1-56 neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune
 1-57 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
 1-58 infections;

1-59 (D) one member who is a child psychiatrist with
 1-60 experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset
 1-61 neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune

2-1 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
2-2 infections;
2-3 (E) one member who is an immunologist with
2-4 experience treating persons with pediatric acute-onset
2-5 neuropsychiatric syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune
2-6 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
2-7 infections, and the use of intravenous immunoglobulin;
2-8 (F) one member who is a dietician or nutritionist
2-9 who provides services to children with autism spectrum disorders,
2-10 attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorders, and other
2-11 neuro-developmental conditions;
2-12 (G) one member with experience in conducting
2-13 research on pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome,
2-14 including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders
2-15 associated with streptococcal infections, obsessive-compulsive
2-16 disorder, tic disorders, and other neurological disorders;
2-17 (H) one member who is licensed by this state to
2-18 practice as a social worker;
2-19 (I) one member who is a representative of the
2-20 Texas Education Agency with expertise in special education
2-21 services;
2-22 (J) one member who is a psychologist licensed
2-23 under Chapter 501, Occupations Code;
2-24 (K) one member who is a representative of a
2-25 professional organization in this state for school nurses;
2-26 (L) one member who is a representative of an
2-27 advocacy and support group in this state for individuals affected
2-28 by pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including
2-29 pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
2-30 streptococcal infections;
2-31 (M) one member who is a representative of an
2-32 advocacy and support group in this state for individuals affected
2-33 by autism; and
2-34 (N) one member who is a parent of a child who has
2-35 been diagnosed with pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric
2-36 syndrome or autism.
2-37 (b) The member designated by the executive commissioner
2-38 serves as an ex officio nonvoting member. In the event of a tie vote
2-39 among the members of the advisory council, the member designated by
2-40 the executive commissioner may cast the deciding vote.
2-41 (c) Each member of the advisory council must be a citizen of
2-42 this state.
2-43 Sec. 119A.004. TERMS; VACANCY. (a) Advisory council
2-44 members appointed by the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the
2-45 house of representatives serve terms that coincide with the
2-46 advisory council members' terms of office. The remaining members
2-47 serve two-year terms.
2-48 (b) A vacancy on the advisory council shall be filled in the
2-49 same manner as the original appointment.
2-50 (c) A member appointed to fill a vacancy holds the office
2-51 for the unexpired portion of the term.
2-52 (d) Each member may be reappointed to serve on the advisory
2-53 council.
2-54 Sec. 119A.005. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. Members of the
2-55 advisory council shall elect from among the legislative members of
2-56 the advisory council a chair and vice chair.
2-57 Sec. 119A.006. MEETINGS; QUORUM. (a) The advisory council
2-58 shall meet at times and locations as determined by the chair or a
2-59 majority of the members of the advisory council.
2-60 (b) A majority of the members of the advisory council
2-61 constitute a quorum.
2-62 Sec. 119A.007. ANNUAL REPORT. (a) Not later than September
2-63 1 of each year, the advisory council shall prepare and submit to the
2-64 governor, legislature, and commission a written report that
2-65 includes recommendations on:
2-66 (1) practice guidelines for the diagnosis and
2-67 treatment of pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome,
2-68 including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders
2-69 associated with streptococcal infections;

3-1 (2) mechanisms to increase clinical awareness and
3-2 education regarding pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric
3-3 syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric
3-4 disorders associated with streptococcal infections, among
3-5 physicians, including pediatricians, school-based health centers,
3-6 and mental health care providers;

3-7 (3) strategies for outreach to educators and parents
3-8 to increase awareness of pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric
3-9 syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric
3-10 disorders associated with streptococcal infections; and

3-11 (4) developing a network of volunteer experts on the
3-12 diagnosis and treatment of pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric
3-13 syndrome, including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric
3-14 disorders associated with streptococcal infections, to assist in
3-15 the delivery of education and outreach.

3-16 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, this section, including
3-17 any action taken under this section to develop or disseminate
3-18 information or materials, does not create a civil or administrative
3-19 cause of action or a civil or criminal liability and does not create
3-20 a standard of care, obligation, or duty that provides the basis for
3-21 a cause of action.

3-22 Sec. 119A.008. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT. A member of
3-23 the advisory council is not entitled to compensation or
3-24 reimbursement for expenses incurred in performing advisory council
3-25 duties.

3-26 Sec. 119A.009. SUNSET PROVISION. The Pediatric Acute-Onset
3-27 Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council is subject to Chapter
3-28 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in
3-29 existence as provided by that chapter, the advisory council is
3-30 abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2031.

3-31 Sec. 119A.010. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Chapter 2110,
3-32 Government Code, does not apply to the advisory council.

3-33 SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 2019, the governor,
3-34 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and
3-35 executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
3-36 shall appoint the members to the Pediatric Acute-Onset
3-37 Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Advisory Council as required by Section
3-38 119A.003, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

3-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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