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Public Hearing
CAPITOL EXTENSION ROOM E1.012
Thursday, September 19, 2024
8:30AM

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Committee Business
- IV. Interim Charges

A. Monitoring: Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services passed by the 88th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:

Senate Bill 7, Third Called Special Session, relating to prohibiting a private employer from adopting or enforcing certain COVID-19 vaccine mandates; authorizing an administrative penalty;

Invited Testimony

- **Ed Serna**, *Executive Director, Texas Workforce Commission*

Senate Bill 24, relating to the powers and duties of the Health and Human Services Commission and the transfer to the commission of certain powers and duties from the Department of Family and Protective Services.

Invited Testimony

- **Crystal Starkey**, *Deputy Executive Commissioner, Family Health Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission*

Senate Bill 26, relating to local mental health authority and local behavioral health authority audits and mental and behavioral health reporting, services, and programs.

Invited Testimony

- **Trina Ita**, *Deputy Executive Commissioner, Behavioral Health Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission*
- **Susan Biles**, *Principal Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Texas Health and Human Services Commission*
- **Kacy VerColen**, *Chief of Audit and Inspections, Office of the Inspector General, Texas Health and Human Services Commission*

Senate Bill 1849, relating to an interagency reportable conduct search engine, standards for a person's removal from the employee misconduct registry and eligibility for certification as certain Texas Juvenile Justice Department officers and employees, and the use of certain information by certain state agencies to conduct background checks.

Invited Testimony

- **Lisa Kanne**, *Deputy Associate Commissioner for Operations, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*
- **Jordan Dixon**, *Chief Policy and Regulatory Officer, Texas Health and Human Services Commission*
- **Shanda Carter**, *Executive Director, Texas Juvenile Justice Department*
- **David Rodriguez**, *Executive Director of Investigations, Texas Education Agency*
- **John Hoffman**, *Deputy State Chief Information Officer & Chief Technology Officer, Texas Department of Information Resources*

V. Public Testimony

VI. Other Business

VII. Recess

Public testimony will be limited to 2 minutes. If submitting written testimony, please provide 20 copies to the Committee Clerk with your name on each.