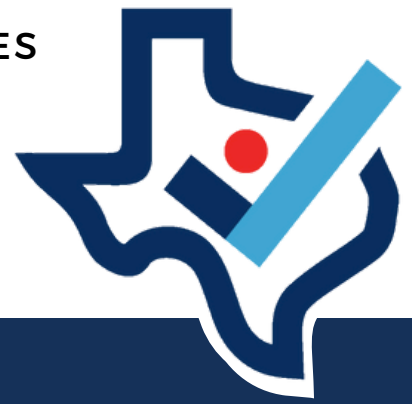TEXAS COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

House Bill (HB) 2807
Rep. Toni Rose

Statewide IDD Coordinating Council

HB 2807 would establish a statewide intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) coordinating council to ensure the development of a strategic approach for IDD services in Texas. The council would include representatives from state agencies and organizations, including TCDD, that work with IDD populations. The council would develop a recurring five-year IDD strategic plan and monitor its approach. It would also publish an annual inventory of state-funded IDD programs and services.

In 2022, an IDD strategic planning group led by HHSC published the Texas Statewide IDD Strategic Plan, which has goals and objectives set through 2025. These goals have not yet been met, due in part to the group's lack of formality and an absence of coordination in its implementation. If passed, the body created by HB 2807 would update and oversee the strategic plan.

There is no Texas governmental entity that is focused solely on the coordination of IDD services. In 2015, lawmakers consolidated the Department of Aging and Disability Services and the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services into the Texas HHSC and gave some of their duties to the Texas Workforce Commission.

Texas regularly ranks near the bottom among states in its efforts to support individuals with IDD, based on data from the ANCOR Foundation and United Cerebral Palsy. With the passage of HB 2807, the state would use a collaborative effort to make informed decisions on how to best allocate resources to meet the needs of people with IDD and enhance their quality of life.

"The establishment of this council would further promote and protect the self-determination and human rights of Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

Testimony from The Arc of Texas to the House Committee on Human Services on a similar bill in March 2023

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