

Legislative Session: 81(R)

House Bill 492
Effective: 5-30-09

House Author: Zerwas et al.
Senate Sponsor: Deuell et al.

House Bill 492 amends the Government Code to expand the faith- and community-based health and human services and social services initiatives. The bill requires the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), in consultation with the governor, to designate by December 1, 2009, one employee from the commission and from each health and human services agency to serve as a governmental liaison for faith- and community-based organizations and requires the chief administrative officer of each agency specified in the bill, in consultation with the governor, to designate by the same date an employee from the agency to serve as such a liaison. The bill sets forth the general duties of a faith- and community-based organizations liaison and establishes an interagency coordinating group composed of each designated liaison. House Bill 492 creates the renewing our communities account in the general revenue fund to increase the capacity of certain nonprofit organizations, to assist in the promotion of local faith- and community-based initiatives, and to foster partnerships between state government and certain nonprofit organizations. The bill sets forth the powers and duties of HHSC and the State Commission on National and Community Service regarding the account and provides requirements relating to the administration of account funds. The bill directs the executive commissioner of HHSC to appoint a renewing our communities account advisory committee and a task force on strengthening nonprofit capacity.

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House Bill 1965
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House Author: Kolkhorst et al.
Senate Sponsor: Deuell

House Bill 1965 amends Government Code provisions relating to faith- and community-based health and human services initiatives to expand the agencies required to have a liaison for faith- and community-based organizations to include the office of the governor, the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Department of Insurance, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the office of the attorney general, the Department of Agriculture, the office of the comptroller of public accounts, the Department of Information Resources, the Office of State-Federal Relations, the office of the secretary of state, and certain institutions of higher education. The bill provides for the administrative support, presiding officer, and reporting requirements of the interagency coordinating group for faith- and community-based initiatives, which is composed of such liaisons.

House Bill 1965 establishes the interagency coordinating group task force to help direct the interagency coordinating group in carrying out certain duties and provides for the task force's administrative support and duties, including preparing a legislative report. Provisions relating to the task force expire September 1, 2013.