

## CHAPTER 487

## S.B. No. 255

An Act relating to the continuation, composition, powers, and duties of the office of the Interstate Compact on Mental Health Administrator for Texas and to the annual report filed by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; amending Chapter 316, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article 5561f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), by amending Sections 2 and 2a and by adding Section 5a; amending the Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act (Article 5547-201 et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) by adding Section 2.08A.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 2, Chapter 316, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article 5561f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Pursuant to said compact, the governor shall appoint the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to be [~~is hereby authorized and empowered to designate an officer who shall be~~] the compact administrator. The compact administrator may appoint a designee to perform the duties of compact administrator. The compact administrator [~~and who~~], acting jointly with like officers of other party states, shall have power to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out more effectively the terms of the compact. The compact administrator is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to cooperate with all departments, agencies and officers of and in the government of this state and its subdivisions in facilitating the proper administration of the compact or of any supplementary agreement or agreements entered into by this state thereunder."

**SECTION 2.** Section 2a, Chapter 316, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article 5561f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

"Section 2a. The office of Interstate Compact on Mental Health Administrator for Texas is subject to the Texas Sunset Act; and unless continued in existence as provided by that Act the office is abolished, and this Act expires on the date established by law for the abolishment of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation [~~effective September 1, 1985~~]."

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 316, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article 5561f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 5a to read as follows:

*"Section 5a. For informational purposes, the compact administrator shall file with the secretary of state notice of compact meetings for publication in the Texas Register."*

**SECTION 4.** The Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act (Article 5547-201 et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) is amended by adding Section 2.08A to read as follows:

*"Section 2.08A. ANNUAL REPORTS. (a) The board shall file annually with the governor and the presiding officer of each house of the legislature a complete and detailed written report accounting for all funds received and disbursed by the board during the preceding year. The form of the annual report and the reporting time shall be that provided in the General Appropriations Act.*

*"(b) The annual report shall include any activities of the Interstate Compact on Mental Health, activities of the department as to the amount and types of transfers in and out of the state using the compact, and an accounting of any funds received and disbursed by the office of the Interstate Compact on Mental Health Administrator for Texas."*

**SECTION 5.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on February 6, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 1985, by a non-record vote.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985