

**GETAC Responsibilities: Senate Bill 330 and House Bill 2344**  
**79<sup>th</sup> Regular Session-2005**  
**Texas Legislature**

**Senate Bill 330: Author-Deuell; Co-author-Van de Putte; Sponsor-McReynolds; effective September 1, 2005**

*“...a strong system for stroke survival is needed in the state's communities in order to treat stroke victims in a timely manner and to improve the overall treatment of stroke victims. Therefore, the Legislature intends to construct an emergency treatment system in this state so that stroke victims may be quickly identified and transported to and treated in appropriate stroke treatment facilities.”*

**House Bill 2344: Author-Luna; Sponsor-West; effective September 1, 2005**

*“CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION PLAN; DUTIES OF COUNCIL. The council shall develop an effective and resource-efficient plan to reduce the morbidity, mortality, and economic burden of cardiovascular disease and stroke in this state.*

<b>SENATE BILL 330 REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>STROKE COMMITTEE</b> SHALL be appointed:	GETAC	SHALL appoint committee not later than 1-1-06	
1. A licensed physician appointed from a list of physicians eligible for accreditation in vascular neurology from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), recommended by a statewide organization of neurologists;			
2. A licensed interventional neuroradiologist appointed from a list of neuroradiologists recommended by a statewide organization of radiologists;			
3. A neurosurgeon with stroke expertise;			
4. A member of the Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke who has expertise in stroke care;			
5. A licensed physician appointed from a list of physicians recommended by a statewide organization of emergency physicians;			
6. A neuroscience registered nurse with stroke expertise; and			
7. A volunteer member of a nonprofit organization specializing in stroke treatment, prevention, and education.			

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<b><u>STATEWIDE STROKE EMERGENCY TRANSPORT PLAN</u></b> SHALL be developed:	GETAC—with assistance of Stroke Committee and in collaboration with Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCDS)	MAY develop transport plan not later than 1-1-07	
A. The Stroke Committee SHALL consult the criteria for stroke facilities established by national medical organizations such as the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.			
B. Elements of stroke emergency transport plan MUST include:			
1. Training requirements on stroke recognition and treatment, including emergency screening procedures;			
2. A list of appropriate early treatments to stabilize patients;			
3. Protocols for rapid transport to a stroke facility when rapid transport is appropriate and it is safe to bypass another health care facility; and			
4. Plans for coordination with statewide agencies or committees on programs for stroke prevention and community education regarding stroke and stroke emergency transport.			
<b><u>STROKE FACILITY CRITERIA</u></b> SHALL be developed	GETAC—with assistance of Stroke Committee and in collaboration with TCCDS	MAY develop stroke facility criteria not later than 1-1-07	
A. The Stroke Committee SHALL consult the criteria for stroke facilities established by national medical organizations such as the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.			
<b><u>A REPORT</u></b> of the statewide stroke emergency transport plan and stroke facility criteria SHALL be reported to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.	GETAC	SHALL submit report not later than 1-1-07	
<b><u>RULES</u></b> The HHSC executive commissioner MAY adopt rules regarding a statewide stroke emergency transport plan and stroke facility criteria based on recommendations from GETAC.	GETAC	Not specified	

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<b>HOUSE BILL 2344 REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>TCCDS SHALL COLLABORATE WITH GETAC</b> , the American Stroke Association, and other stroke experts to make recommendations to DSHS for rules on the recognition and rapid transportation of stroke patients to health care facilities capable of treating strokes 24 hours a day and recording stroke patient outcomes.	TCCDS	Not specified	
<p>(a) TCCDS shall develop an effective and resource-efficient plan to reduce the morbidity, mortality, and economic burden of cardiovascular disease and stroke in this state. The council shall:</p> <p>(1) conduct health education, public awareness, and community outreach activities that relate to primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease and stroke;</p> <p>(2) promote, enhance, and coordinate health education, public awareness, and community outreach activities that relate to primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease and stroke and that are provided by private and other public organizations;</p> <p>(3) coordinate activities with other entities that are concerned with medical conditions that are similar to cardiovascular disease and stroke or that have similar risk factors;</p> <p>(4) identify to health care providers, employers, schools, community health centers, and other groups the benefits of encouraging treatment, primary and secondary prevention, and public awareness of cardiovascular disease and stroke and recognize innovative and effective programs that achieve the objectives of improved treatment, prevention, and public awareness;</p> <p>(5) provide guidance regarding the roles and responsibilities of government agencies, health care providers, employers, third-party payers, patients, and families of patients in the treatment, primary and secondary prevention, and public awareness of cardiovascular disease and stroke;</p> <p>(6) improve access to treatment for and primary and secondary prevention of</p>	TCCDS	Not specified	

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<p>cardiovascular disease and stroke through public awareness programs, including access for uninsured individuals and individuals living in rural or underserved areas;</p> <p>(7) assist communities to develop comprehensive local cardiovascular disease and stroke prevention programs;</p> <p>(8) assist the Texas Education Agency and local school districts to promote a public school curriculum that includes physical, nutritional, and health education relating to cardiovascular disease and stroke prevention;</p> <p>(9) establish appropriate forums, programs, or initiatives designed to educate the public regarding the impact of heart disease and stroke on women's health, with an emphasis on preventive health and healthy lifestyles; and</p> <p>(10) evaluate and enhance the implementation and effectiveness of the program developed under this chapter.</p>			
<p>(b) The council shall make written recommendations for performing its duties under this chapter to the department and the legislature.</p>	TCCDS	Not specified	
<p>(c) The council shall advise the legislature on legislation that is needed to develop further and maintain a statewide system of quality education services for all persons with cardiovascular disease or stroke. The council may develop and submit legislation to the legislature or comment on pending legislation that affects persons with cardiovascular disease and stroke.</p>	TCCDS	Not specified	