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The Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE) should be retained as an independent state agency for the next 12 years and not consolidated with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). If it's not broken, then don't fix it...it is a mistake to improve something that works.

The TBPTE has a proven record regulating licensing for the profession of physical therapy ensuring quality of patient safety in our clinical settings across the state of Texas. Keep in mind TDLR Commissioners do not have the requisite medical knowledge or healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions involving "hands-on" patient care that physical therapists routinely deliver. Also, take note that TBPTE has demonstrated their resourcefulness in operational effectiveness as a well-managed state agency over the past several decades.

With the previous in mind, it doesn't make sense to upset the apple cart....

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