

By: Watson

S.B. No. 706

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an investigation unit within the Health and Human Services Commission for certain unlicensed child-care facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0084 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0084. INVESTIGATION UNIT FOR UNLICENSED CHILD-CARE FACILITIES. (a) The executive commissioner shall maintain a unit within the child-care licensing division of the commission consisting of investigators whose primary responsibility is to identify unlicensed child-care facilities and to initiate appropriate enforcement actions against those facilities.

(b) The executive commissioner shall assign at least 35 full-time equivalent positions for the unit described by Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall establish the investigation unit required by Section 531.0084, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.