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S.B. No. 1288

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the Department of Family and Protective Services
3 reporting certain information regarding youth in the managing
4 conservatorship of the department who are pregnant or who are
5 parents.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 264.017(b), Family Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (b) The department, in collaboration with the Texas Health
10 and Human Services Commission where appropriate, shall provide the
11 report required by Subsection (a) to the legislature and shall
12 publish the report and make the report available electronically to
13 the public not later than April [~~February~~] 1 of each year. The
14 report must include, with respect to the preceding year:

15 (1) information on the number and disposition of
16 reports of child abuse and neglect received by the department;

17 (2) information on the number of clients for whom the
18 department took protective action, including investigations,
19 alternative responses, and court-ordered removals;

20 (3) information on the number of clients for whom the
21 department provided services in each program administered by the
22 child protective services division, including investigations,
23 alternative responses, family-based safety services,
24 conservatorship, post-adoption services, and transitional living

1 services;

2 (4) the number of children in this state who died as a
3 result of child abuse or neglect;

4 (5) the number of children described by Subdivision
5 (4) for whom the department was the children's managing conservator
6 at the time of death;

7 (6) information on the timeliness of the department's
8 initial contact in an investigation or alternative response;

9 (7) information on the response time by the department
10 in commencing services to families and children for whom an
11 allegation of child abuse or neglect has been made;

12 (8) information regarding child protection staffing
13 and caseloads by program area;

14 (9) information on the permanency goals in place and
15 achieved for children in the managing conservatorship of the
16 department, including information on the timeliness of achieving
17 the goals, the stability of the children's placement in foster
18 care, and the proximity of placements to the children's home
19 counties;

20 (10) the number of children who suffer from a severe
21 emotional disturbance and for whom the department is appointed
22 managing conservator, including statistics on appointments as
23 joint managing conservator, due to an individual voluntarily
24 relinquishing custody of a child solely to obtain mental health
25 services for the child;

26 (11) the following information regarding youth
27 [~~number of children~~] who are [~~were~~] pregnant or who are parents [a

1 ~~parent]~~ while in the managing conservatorship of the department,
2 extended care, or who have emancipated:

3 (A) the number of female youth in the managing
4 conservatorship of the department who experienced a pregnancy in
5 the prior year as determined by STAR Health encounter claims,
6 compared to the total number of female youth enrolled in STAR
7 Health, reported according to the following age groups:

8 (i) youth who are ten to fourteen years old;

9 (ii) youth who are fifteen, sixteen, or
10 seventeen years old; and

11 (iii) youth who are eighteen or nineteen
12 years old and who are in care, extended care, or who have
13 emancipated.

14 (B) the number of female youth in the managing
15 conservatorship of the department who gave birth to a child in the
16 prior year as determined by STAR Health encounter claims, compared
17 to the total number of female youth enrolled in STAR Health,
18 reported according to the following age groups:

19 (i) youth who are ten to fourteen years old;

20 (ii) youth who are fifteen, sixteen, or
21 seventeen years old; and

22 (iii) youth who are eighteen or nineteen
23 years old and who are in care, extended care, or who have
24 emancipated.

25 (C) the number of youth in the managing
26 conservatorship of the department who are younger than 22 years of
27 age and who are parents and the following disaggregated information

1 about parenting youth:

2 (i) gender;

3 (ii) age on August 31;

4 (iii) race and ethnicity;

5 (iv) the type of substitute care in which
6 the youth are placed on August 31st; and

7 (v) the average number of placements in
8 which parenting youth have been placed during the Fiscal Year; and

9 (vi) whether parenting youth are adopted,
10 reunited with the youth's family, or emancipated and the length of
11 time the youth was in care at the time of the exit;

12 (D) the number of children of a parent in the
13 managing conservatorship of the department who are placed in the
14 managing conservatorship of the department in a Fiscal Year and the
15 percentage of children placed with their parent;

16 (E) the number of unduplicated youth in the
17 managing conservatorship of the department who are pregnant at the
18 time the youth enters the conservatorship of the department; and

19 (F) the number of unduplicated youth in the
20 managing conservatorship of the department who become pregnant
21 while in the conservatorship of the department [~~and the number of~~
22 ~~the children born to a parent in the managing conservatorship of the~~
23 ~~department who are placed in the managing conservatorship of the~~
24 ~~department];~~

25 (12) the number of children who are missing from the
26 children's substitute care provider while in the managing
27 conservatorship of the department; and

1 (13) the number of children who were victims of
2 trafficking under Chapter [20A](#), Penal Code, while in the managing
3 conservatorship of the department.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.