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H.B. No. 607

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a Department of Family and Protective Services plan to
3 address the substitute care capacity needs in certain child
4 protective services regions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 264.1261(b), Family Code, as added by
7 Chapter 319 (S.B. 11), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular
8 Session, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

9 (b) Appropriate department management personnel from a
10 child protective services region in which community-based care has
11 not been implemented, in collaboration with foster care providers,
12 faith-based entities, and child advocates in that region, shall use
13 data collected by the department on foster care capacity needs and
14 availability of each type of foster care and kinship placement in
15 the region to create a plan to address the substitute care capacity
16 needs in the region. The plan must identify:

17 (1) [both] short-term and long-term goals and
18 strategies for addressing those capacity needs; and

19 (2) the capacity and geographic distribution of foster
20 placements tailored to serve the distinct needs of pregnant and
21 parenting youth in the conservatorship of the department.

22 SECTION 2. Sections 264.1261(a) and (b), Family Code, as
23 added by Chapter 822 (H.B. 1549), Acts of the 85th Legislature,
24 Regular Session, 2017, are repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.