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H.B. No. 608

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a Department of Family and Protective Services report  
3 on youth in the managing conservatorship of the department who are  
4 pregnant or who are parents.

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

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

8 (b) The department shall provide the report required by  
9 Subsection (a) to the legislature and shall publish the report and  
10 make the report available electronically to the public not later  
11 than February 1 of each year. The report must include, with respect  
12 to the preceding year:

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

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

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

24 (4) the number of children in this state who died as a

1 result of child abuse or neglect;

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

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

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

10 (8) information regarding child protection staffing  
11 and caseloads by program area;

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

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

24 (11) the following information regarding [~~number of~~]  
25 children who are pregnant or who are parents [~~a parent~~] while in the  
26 managing conservatorship of the department:

27 (A) the number of pregnant female children who

1 are at least 13 years of age but younger than 18 years of age  
2 compared to the total number of female children who are at least 13  
3 years of age but younger than 18 years of age;

4 (B) the number of female children who are at  
5 least 13 years of age but younger than 18 years of age and who have  
6 given birth to a child compared to the total number of female  
7 children who are at least 13 years of age but younger than 18 years  
8 of age;

9 (C) the number of pregnant female youth who are  
10 younger than 22 years of age and the following information for each  
11 youth:

- 12 (i) the youth's age;
- 13 (ii) the youth's race and ethnicity;
- 14 (iii) the youth's county of residence;
- 15 (iv) the time the youth has been in  
16 substitute care; and
- 17 (v) the type of substitute care in which the  
18 youth is placed;

19 (D) the number of youth who are younger than 22  
20 years of age and who are parents and the following information for  
21 each youth:

- 22 (i) the youth's gender;
- 23 (ii) the youth's age;
- 24 (iii) the youth's race and ethnicity;
- 25 (iv) the youth's county of residence;
- 26 (v) the time the youth has been in  
27 substitute care; and

1                    (vi) the type of substitute care in which  
2 the youth is placed;

3                    (E) the number of youth who are parents of at  
4 least one child who is also in the managing conservatorship of the  
5 department and the following information for each youth:

6                    (i) the type of substitute care in which the  
7 youth is placed; and

8                    (ii) whether the youth and the child are  
9 placed together;

10                   (F) for youth described by Paragraphs (C) and (D)  
11 who exit the department's conservatorship, the following  
12 information for each youth:

13                   (i) whether the youth is adopted, reunited  
14 with the youth's family, or emancipated;

15                   (ii) the youth's age on the date the youth  
16 exited the department's conservatorship; and

17                   (iii) the time the youth spent in  
18 substitute care;

19                   (G) the number of children who are at least 11  
20 years of age but younger than 18 years of age and who are pregnant or  
21 who are parents at the time the child enters the conservatorship of  
22 the department; and

23                   (H) the number of children who are at least 11  
24 years of age but younger than 18 years of age and who become  
25 pregnant or who become parents while in the conservatorship of the  
26 department [~~and the number of the children born to a parent in the~~  
27 ~~managing conservatorship of the department who are placed in the~~

1 ~~managing conservatorship of the department];~~

2           (12) the number of children who are missing from the  
3 children's substitute care provider while in the managing  
4 conservatorship of the department; and

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

8           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.