

1-1 By: Button, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1792
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2021;
 1-3 April 19, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 & Human Services; May 13, 2021, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 13, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the evaluation of child-care providers participating in
 1-20 the Texas Rising Star Program.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 2308.3155, Government Code, is amended
 1-23 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-24 (d) The commission shall, using a competitive procurement
 1-25 process that complies with all federal and state laws, select a
 1-26 single entity to oversee a statewide roster of qualified assessors
 1-27 to evaluate child-care providers participating in the Texas Rising
 1-28 Star Program during the initial certification process and at any
 1-29 other time during the provider's participation in the program.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 2308.320, Government Code, is amended to
 1-31 read as follows:

1-32 Sec. 2308.320. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROVIDERS. Each
 1-33 board shall provide technical assistance to Texas Rising Star
 1-34 Program providers and to providers seeking certification under the
 1-35 Texas Rising Star Program, including providing:

1-36 (1) ~~[a child development specialist to serve as an~~
 1-37 ~~evaluator of the provider during the certification process;~~

1-38 ~~[(2)]~~ a mentor or coach to a Texas Rising Star Program
 1-39 provider to meet regularly with the provider and provide child care
 1-40 resources to the provider, including developmentally appropriate
 1-41 books, materials, and equipment;

1-42 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ consumer information regarding the
 1-43 selection of quality child care for parents of children enrolled in
 1-44 the program; and

1-45 (3) ~~[(4)]~~ parenting education information for parents
 1-46 of children enrolled in the program, including information about
 1-47 parenting classes that are available in the area or on the Internet.

1-48 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
 1-49 of this Act, the Texas Workforce Commission shall complete the
 1-50 initial competitive procurement process required under Section
 1-51 2308.3155(d), Government Code, as added by this Act, to select the
 1-52 entity to oversee a statewide roster of assessors for Texas Rising
 1-53 Star Program providers.

1-54 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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