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H.B. No. 1800

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study to evaluate the effectiveness of community
3 collaboratives in addressing the exploitation of elderly persons in
4 this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

7 (1) "Community collaborative" means a model under
8 which entities with an interest in preventing exploitation of
9 elderly persons collaborate to help prevent, protect against, and
10 prosecute that exploitation.

11 (2) "Department" means the Department of Family and
12 Protective Services.

13 (3) "Elderly person" and "exploitation" have the
14 meanings assigned by Section [48.002](#), Human Resources Code.

15 SECTION 2. STUDY ON COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES TO ADDRESS
16 EXPLOITATION OF ELDERLY PERSONS. (a) Using existing resources,
17 the department shall conduct a study on the effectiveness of
18 community collaboratives, including multidisciplinary teams, in
19 addressing the exploitation of elderly persons. The study must:

20 (1) identify and evaluate national and state community
21 collaborative models, including existing models in this state and
22 in other states;

23 (2) collect outcome data available with respect to the
24 various models, including:

- 1 (A) the number of prosecutions commenced;
- 2 (B) the amount of restitution obtained; and
- 3 (C) the efficacy of prevention efforts;

4 (3) identify key models and determine the primary
5 types of participating entities and services provided under those
6 models;

7 (4) assess the role of the governmental provider of
8 adult protective services within the various models and how that
9 role contributes to outcomes;

10 (5) analyze which models have a prosecuting attorney
11 that has an independent unit committed to investigating and
12 prosecuting financial exploitation;

13 (6) analyze how different geographical areas of this
14 state that represent diverse communities with different resources
15 and services use different models;

16 (7) determine key components of models that are
17 effective in preventing, protecting against, and prosecuting the
18 exploitation of elderly persons; and

19 (8) examine costs associated with effective models.

20 (b) In conducting the study required by this section, the
21 department:

22 (1) shall consult with the Elder Financial Safety
23 Center or another entity familiar with designing and maintaining
24 similar community collaboratives; and

25 (2) may consult with:

26 (A) a local court with jurisdiction over
27 guardianship proceedings; or

1 (B) the office of a prosecuting attorney that has
2 an independent unit committed to investigating and prosecuting
3 exploitation.

4 SECTION 3. REPORT. (a) Not later than December 1, 2022,
5 the department shall prepare and submit a written report to the
6 governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
7 representatives, and members of the standing committees of the
8 senate and the house of representatives with jurisdiction over the
9 department. The department may submit the report in an electronic
10 format.

11 (b) The report under this section must include:

12 (1) a summary of the results of the study conducted
13 under Section 2 of this Act; and

14 (2) recommendations based on the results of that
15 study.

16 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2023.

17 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
18 1, 2021.