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H.B. No. 3127

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to contracts for family support services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 265, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 265.0042 to read as follows:

Sec. 265.0042. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE CONTRACT. (a) In order to increase permanency options and other beneficial outcomes for children and youth in the conservatorship of the department, the commission shall contract for family support services with a statewide organization that:

(1) is exempt from federal income taxation under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3); and

(2) is composed of individuals or groups of individuals who have expertise in family finding and adoption support services on a statewide basis in other privatized settings with verified metrics and results.

(b) The commission shall include in the contract under Subsection (a):

(1) measurable goals and objectives relating to the number of:

(A) child placements;

(B) children receiving services; and

(C) children who are adopted; and

(2) required practices designed to ensure compliance

1 with standards referenced in the contract.

2 (c) The commission shall ensure that not more than 10  
3 percent of the annual legislative appropriation to implement this  
4 subchapter is spent for administrative purposes by the statewide  
5 organization with which the commission contracts under this  
6 section.

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