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S.B. No. 1079

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to monthly reports of certain activity of the Department  
3 of Family and Protective Services.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 264.017, Family Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsections (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

7 (f) In addition to the other reports required by this  
8 section, the department shall publish a monthly report containing  
9 the following information for the preceding month:

10 (1) with respect to statewide intake:

11 (A) the number of child abuse, neglect, or  
12 exploitation reports received sorted by the source of the report;

13 (B) the number of child abuse, neglect, or  
14 exploitation reports that met the statutory definition of child  
15 abuse, neglect, or exploitation that were referred for  
16 investigation sorted by the type of allegation and the number of  
17 reports that were confirmed as abuse, neglect, or exploitation  
18 after an investigation;

19 (C) the average time to process an electronic  
20 report of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation;

21 (D) the average hold time for calls to the  
22 department's abuse hotline;

23 (E) the percentage of calls to the department's  
24 abuse hotline that were abandoned before the caller spoke with a

1 person; and  
2 (F) the number of calls received by the Texas  
3 Youth Helpline regarding runaway youth;  
4 (2) with respect to child protective investigations:  
5 (A) the total number of cases opened;  
6 (B) the total number of cases completed and  
7 closed sorted by the manner in which the case was closed;  
8 (C) the average number of days to close a case;  
9 (D) the total number of cases opened at  
10 residential child-care facilities;  
11 (E) the total percentage of cases assigned the  
12 highest and second highest priorities the investigations of which  
13 were started within the time required by Section 261.301;  
14 (F) the total number of cases for which the  
15 determination was changed after an administrative review within 12  
16 months of the date of the determination; and  
17 (G) the percentage of alleged victims in  
18 investigations that were closed without providing services for  
19 which, within 12 months of the date the case was closed, the  
20 department:  
21 (i) confirmed another allegation of abuse,  
22 neglect, or exploitation against the child; or  
23 (ii) opened another stage for services;  
24 (3) with respect to family-based safety services:  
25 (A) the total number of cases opened;  
26 (B) the total number of cases closed;  
27 (C) the average number of days to close a case;

1           (D) the percentage of cases in which a child was  
2 eventually removed from the child's home; and

3           (E) the percentage of cases which were closed  
4 without providing further services for which, within 12 months of  
5 the date the case was closed, the department:

6                   (i) confirmed another allegation of abuse,  
7 neglect, or exploitation against the child; or

8                   (ii) opened another stage for services;

9           (4) with respect to conservatorship services:

10           (A) the total number of children removed from  
11 their home;

12           (B) the total number of children who exited from  
13 the managing conservatorship of the department sorted by the manner  
14 in which the child exited;

15           (C) the average number of months a child remained  
16 in the managing conservatorship of the department;

17           (D) the average number of placements a child has  
18 while in the managing conservatorship of the department;

19           (E) the percentage of sibling groups placed with  
20 the same foster family;

21           (F) the percentage of youth who have aged out of  
22 foster care and completed the Preparation for Adult Living program;

23           (G) the percentage of youth who exited from the  
24 managing conservatorship of the department to a permanent  
25 placement;

26           (H) the percentage of children who are adopted  
27 within 12 months of the date their parent's parental rights were

1 terminated;

2 (I) the percentage of children in the managing  
3 conservatorship of the department for longer than two years who  
4 achieve permanency;

5 (J) the percentage of children who are returned  
6 to their parents and for whom, within 12 months of the date the case  
7 was closed, the department:

8 (i) confirmed another allegation of abuse,  
9 neglect, or exploitation against the child; or

10 (ii) opened another stage for services;

11 (K) the percentage of children in the managing  
12 conservatorship of the department who are placed with a relative  
13 caregiver; and

14 (L) the percentage of children in foster care  
15 placed in each county in the state;

16 (5) with respect to residential child-care licensing:

17 (A) the percentage of investigations in which the  
18 department made a high risk finding;

19 (B) the percentage of child-care facilities with  
20 no recent violations;

21 (C) the number of illegal operations identified,  
22 resolved, and pending; and

23 (D) the number of validated allegations of child  
24 abuse, neglect, or exploitation in child-care facilities; and

25 (6) with respect to staffing in statewide intake,  
26 residential child-care investigations, child protective  
27 investigations, family-based safety services, and conservatorship

1 services:

- 2 (A) the percentage of caseworker turnover;
- 3 (B) the total number of caseworkers hired;
- 4 (C) the total number of caseworkers terminated;
- 5 (D) the average vacancy rate for caseworker
- 6 positions; and
- 7 (E) the average daily caseloads for caseworkers.

8 (g) The department shall provide the report required by  
9 Subsection (f) to the legislature and shall publish the report and  
10 make the report available electronically to the public not later  
11 than the 30th day after the end of the month for which the report is  
12 made.

13 (h) The department may contract with a third party to assist  
14 the department with collecting, analyzing, and reporting the data  
15 required under Subsection (f).

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