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S.B. No. 1079

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to monthly reports of certain activity of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

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

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

(1) with respect to statewide intake:

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

(B) the number of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation reports that were considered information or referrals but do not meet the statutory definition of abuse, neglect, or exploitation;

(C) the number of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation reports that met the statutory definition of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation that were referred for investigation sorted by the type of allegation and the number of reports that were confirmed as abuse, neglect, or exploitation after an investigation;

(D) any quality assurance measures implemented by the department;

1 (E) the average time to process an electronic
2 report of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation;

3 (F) the average hold time for calls to the
4 department's abuse hotline;

5 (G) the percentage of calls to the department's
6 abuse hotline that were abandoned before the caller spoke with a
7 person; and

8 (H) the number of calls received by the Texas
9 Youth Helpline regarding runaway youth;

10 (2) with respect to child protective investigations:

11 (A) the total number of cases opened;

12 (B) the total number of cases closed sorted by
13 the manner in which the case was closed;

14 (C) the average number of days to close a case;

15 (D) the total number of cases opened at
16 residential child-care facilities;

17 (E) the total number of cases assigned the
18 highest and second highest priorities whose investigations were
19 started within the time required by Section [261.301](#);

20 (F) the total number of cases for which the
21 determination was changed after an administrative review before the
22 first anniversary of the date of the determination; and

23 (G) the total number of cases which were closed
24 without providing services and for which the department opened a
25 subsequent case before the first anniversary of the date the case
26 was closed;

27 (3) with respect to family-based safety services:

- 1 (A) the total number of cases opened;
2 (B) the total number of cases closed;
3 (C) the average number of days to close a case;
4 (D) the total number of cases in which the child
5 was eventually removed from the child's home; and
6 (E) the total number of cases which were closed
7 without providing services and for which the department opened a
8 subsequent case before the first anniversary of the date the case
9 was closed;
- 10 (4) with respect to conservatorship services:
11 (A) the total number of children removed from
12 their home;
13 (B) the total number of children who exited from
14 the managing conservatorship of the department sorted by the manner
15 in which the child exited;
16 (C) the average number of months a child remained
17 in the managing conservatorship of the department;
18 (D) the average number of placements a child has
19 while in the managing conservatorship of the department;
20 (E) the percentage of sibling groups placed with
21 the same foster family;
22 (F) the percentage of youth who have aged out of
23 foster care and completed the Preparation for Adult Living program;
24 (G) the percentage of youth who exited from the
25 managing conservatorship of the department to a permanent
26 placement;
27 (H) the percentage of children who are adopted

1 before the first anniversary of the date their parent's parental
2 rights were terminated;

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

5 (J) the number of children who return to the
6 managing conservatorship of the department before the first
7 anniversary of the date the case was closed;

8 (K) the percentage of children in the managing
9 conservatorship of the department who are placed with a relative
10 caregiver; and

11 (L) the number of children in foster care placed
12 in each county in the state;

13 (5) with respect to residential child care licensing:

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

16 (B) the percentage of child-care facilities with
17 no recent violations;

18 (C) the number of illegal operations identified,
19 resolved, and pending; and

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

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

26 (A) the percentage of caseworker turnover;

27 (B) the total number of caseworkers hired;

1 (C) the total number of caseworkers terminated;
2 (D) the number of unfilled caseworker positions;
3 and
4 (E) the average daily caseloads for caseworkers.
5 (g) The department shall provide the report required by
6 Subsection (f) to the legislature and shall publish the report and
7 make the report available electronically to the public not later
8 than the 15th day of each month.

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