

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 1156  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2021; March 18, 2021, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; March 30, 2021,  
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 15, Nays 0;  
 1-5 March 30, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Buckingham	X			
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Creighton	X			
1-13 Hancock	X			
1-14 Huffman	X			
1-15 Kolkhorst	X			
1-16 Nichols	X			
1-17 Perry	X			
1-18 Schwertner	X			
1-19 Taylor	X			
1-20 West	X			
1-21 Whitmire	X			

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to the contracting authority of the Health and Human  
 1-26 Services Commission for the volunteer advocate for children  
 1-27 program.

1-28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-29 SECTION 1. Section 264.603(a), Family Code, is amended to  
 1-30 read as follows:

1-31 (a) The commission shall contract with one statewide  
 1-32 organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under  
 1-33 Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization  
 1-34 described by Section 501(c)(3) of that code [~~and designated as a~~  
 1-35 ~~supporting organization under Section 509(a)(3) of that code,~~] and  
 1-36 that is composed of individuals or groups of individuals who have  
 1-37 expertise in the dynamics of child abuse and neglect and experience  
 1-38 in operating volunteer advocate programs to provide training,  
 1-39 technical assistance, and evaluation services for the benefit of  
 1-40 local volunteer advocate programs. The contract shall:

1-41 (1) include measurable goals and objectives relating  
 1-42 to the number of:

- 1-43 (A) volunteer advocates in the program; and
- 1-44 (B) children receiving services from the  
 1-45 program; and

1-46 (2) follow practices designed to ensure compliance  
 1-47 with standards referenced in the contract.

1-48 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-49 a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as  
 1-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-52 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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