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S.B. No. 1200

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the referral of certain pregnant women to a
3 nurse-family partnership program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 265.101, Family Code, is amended by
6 amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivisions (1-a) and (1-b) to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
9 Commission.

10 (1-a) "Competitive grant program" means the
11 nurse-family partnership competitive grant program established
12 under this subchapter.

13 (1-b) "Health and human services agencies" has the
14 meaning assigned by Section 531.001, Government Code.

15 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 265, Family Code, is
16 amended by adding Section 265.1025 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 265.1025. COORDINATION BETWEEN AGENCIES AND LOCAL
18 ORGANIZATIONS. The department shall coordinate with the commission
19 to promote the referral to a partnership program of pregnant women
20 receiving services through a public benefits program administered
21 by the commission or a health and human services agency. The
22 coordination may include encouraging and supporting agreements
23 between local organizations providing services to pregnant women.

24 SECTION 3. Section 265.154(b), Family Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 (b) A report submitted under this section must include:

3 (1) a description of the parenting education programs
4 implemented and of the models associated with the programs;

5 (2) information on the families served by the
6 programs, including the number of families served and their
7 demographic information;

8 (3) the goals and achieved outcomes of the programs;

9 (4) information on the cost for each family served,
10 including any available third-party return-on-investment analysis;
11 ~~and~~

12 (5) information explaining the percentage of money
13 spent on evidence-based programs and on promising practice
14 programs; and

15 (6) the sources from which pregnant women were
16 referred in the preceding two-year period to a nurse-family
17 partnership program under Subchapter C.

18 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act
19 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
20 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
21 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
22 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
23 waiver or authorization is granted.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.