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H.B. No. 1825

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the exchange of certain information between the Department of Family and Protective Services or certain foster care services contractors and a state or local juvenile justice agency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58.0052(b-3), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b-3) At the request of a state or local juvenile justice agency, the Department of Family and Protective Services or a single source continuum contractor who contracts with the department to provide foster care services shall, as soon as practicable, share with the juvenile justice agency information in the possession of the department or contractor that is necessary to improve and maintain community safety or that assists the agency in the continuation of services for or providing services to a multi-system youth who:

(1) is or has been in the temporary or permanent managing conservatorship of the department;

(2) is or was the subject of a family-based safety services case with the department;

(3) has been reported as an alleged victim of abuse or neglect to the department;

(4) is the perpetrator in a case in which the department investigation concluded that there was a reason to

1 believe that abuse or neglect occurred;

2 (5) is a victim in a case in which the department
3 investigation concluded that there was a reason to believe that
4 abuse or neglect occurred; or

5 (6) is a child for whom parental rights have been
6 terminated with respect to one or both parents.

7 SECTION 2. Section 243.008(c), Human Resources Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (c) The Department of Family and Protective Services shall,
10 as soon as practicable after receiving a request from a state or
11 local juvenile justice agency, as defined by Section 58.101, Family
12 Code, provide the following information regarding a child in the
13 custody of the juvenile justice agency:

14 (1) whether the child is currently or has been in
15 foster care; and

16 (2) if applicable, the number of times the child has
17 previously been placed in foster care.

18 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
19 a request for information made by a state or local juvenile justice
20 agency on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for
21 information made before that date is governed by the law in effect
22 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
23 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.