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H.B. No. 2866

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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relating to coordination of inspections of certain licensed child-care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 42.0442(a), (b), and (c), Human Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall coordinate monitoring inspections of licensed day-care centers, licensed group day-care homes, and registered family homes performed by another state agency or a political subdivision of the state to eliminate redundant inspections.

(b) The department shall form a [an interagency] task force consisting of representatives of ~~[with]~~ the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Department of Human Services, ~~[and]~~ the Texas Workforce Commission, and political subdivisions to develop an inspection protocol that will coordinate inspections by those agencies and political subdivisions. The protocol must assign the required items for inspection by each agency or political subdivision and facilitate the sharing of inspection data and compliance history.

(c) The ~~[interagency]~~ task force shall establish an inspection checklist based on the inspection protocol developed under Subsection (b). Each state agency or political subdivision that inspects a facility listed in Subsection (a) shall use the

1 inspection checklist in performing an inspection. A state agency
2 or political subdivision shall make a copy of the completed
3 inspection checklist available to the facility at the facility's
4 request to assist the facility in maintaining records.

5 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect immediately if it
6 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
7 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
8 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
9 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

10 (b) Not later than June 1, 2004:

11 (1) the Department of Protective and Regulatory
12 Services shall complete development of the inspection protocol
13 required by Section 42.0442(b), Human Resources Code, as amended by
14 this Act, and establishment of the inspection checklist required by
15 Section 42.0442(c), Human Resources Code, as amended by this Act;
16 and

17 (2) each political subdivision of this state shall
18 begin using the inspection checklist as required by Section
19 42.0442(c), Human Resources Code, as amended by this Act.