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H.B. No. 2866

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 Relating to duplicate inspections of licensed day-care centers.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 42.0442 of the Human Resources Code is
5 amended to read as follows:

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

11 (b) The department shall form an interagency task force with
12 the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Department of Human
13 Services, and the Texas Workforce Commission to develop an
14 inspection protocol that will coordinate inspections by those
15 agencies. The protocol must assign the required items for
16 inspection by each agency and facilitate the sharing of inspection
17 data and compliance history.

18 (c) The interagency task force shall establish an
19 inspection checklist based on the inspection protocol developed
20 under Subsection (b). Each state agency that inspects a facility
21 listed in Subsection (a) shall use the inspection checklist in
22 performing an inspection. A state agency shall make a copy of the
23 completed inspection checklist available to the facility at the
24 facility's request to assist the facility in maintaining records.

1 (d) The department shall provide to facilities listed in
2 Subsection (a) information regarding inspections, including who
3 may inspect a facility and the purpose of each type of inspection.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.