

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 74  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2002; January 27, 2003,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human  
1-4 Services; February 24, 2003, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; February 24, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a study regarding certain child-care initiatives.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. STUDY AND REPORT ON CHILD-CARE INITIATIVES. (a)  
1-11 The Health and Human Services Commission shall study and produce a  
1-12 comprehensive report on state and local initiatives and  
1-13 collaborative initiatives targeted at enhancing the quality of  
1-14 child care, including initiatives funded from public or private  
1-15 sources.

1-16 (b) The Health and Human Services Commission shall work in  
1-17 conjunction with the Texas Workforce Commission and the Department  
1-18 of Protective and Regulatory Services in studying the initiatives  
1-19 and producing the report.

1-20 (c) The Health and Human Services Commission shall  
1-21 coordinate the efforts under this section with the activities of  
1-22 the Office of Early Childhood Coordination, particularly as those  
1-23 efforts relate to the development of the statewide strategic plan  
1-24 required under Section 531.284, Government Code.

1-25 (d) The report must:

1-26 (1) include a description of each initiative's  
1-27 activity, including:

1-28 (A) factors relevant to the initiative's  
1-29 success; and

1-30 (B) the amount and sources of the initiative's  
1-31 funding;

1-32 (2) describe programmatic best practices as models for  
1-33 replication statewide; and

1-34 (3) establish statewide benchmarks for quality child  
1-35 care.

1-36 (e) The Health and Human Services Commission shall submit  
1-37 the report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of  
1-38 the house of representatives, and the presiding officers of  
1-39 appropriate legislative committees not later than September 1,  
1-40 2004.

1-41 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act expires September 1,  
1-42 2005.

1-43 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
1-44 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
1-45 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
1-46 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
1-47 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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