

Amend CSSB 6 in Article 1 of the bill by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION 1.____. (a) Section 42.052, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (1) to read as follows:

(1) The department may create a tiered child-care licensing system that allows child-care facilities to voluntarily obtain licensure levels that require higher child-care quality than the department's minimum licensing standards. The executive commissioner shall adopt rules regarding the system. In adopting the rules, the executive commissioner may consider:

(1) standards used for determining reimbursement rates under the designated vendor program as provided by Section 2308.315, Government Code; and

(2) standards used in the quality rating system under Section 29.160, Education Code.

(b) The Department of Family and Protective Services shall develop recommendations regarding incentives for child-care facilities to voluntarily obtain higher levels of licensure created under Section 42.052(1), Human Resources Code, as added by this section. Not later than November 1, 2006, the department shall report those recommendations to the legislature.