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S.B. No. 984

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a feasibility study regarding the provision of
3 financial incentives to individuals who undergo training for child
4 protective services.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

7 (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
8 Commission.

9 (2) "Health and human services agencies" has the
10 meaning assigned by Section 531.001, Government Code.

11 (3) "Training for child protective services" means
12 training administered by a state agency or an institution of higher
13 education that is provided to individuals working or interested in
14 working in the field of child protective services and that is
15 intended to assist the individuals in performing that work more
16 effectively or efficiently.

17 (b) The commission shall study the feasibility of providing
18 a financial incentive to individuals to assist the individuals in
19 receiving training for child protective services.

20 (c) The study must:

21 (1) consider the feasibility of creating a private
22 foundation to solicit and receive money that will be used to assist
23 those individuals;

24 (2) consider possible means of providing a financial

1 incentive, including educational or living stipends or
2 reimbursement of tuition costs, to assist those individuals and
3 determine the most effective means to deliver the incentives;

4 (3) suggest criteria that those individuals must meet
5 to receive the financial incentives;

6 (4) estimate the initial cost and annual cost to this
7 state of providing the financial incentives to those individuals;
8 and

9 (5) estimate the savings and costs associated with
10 improved training of those individuals that may result from
11 providing the financial incentives.

12 (d) In conducting the study under Subsection (b) of this
13 section, the commission may cooperate as necessary with any
14 appropriate state agency.

15 (e) Not later than September 1, 2006, the commission shall
16 report the results of the study to the standing committees of the
17 senate and house of representatives with primary jurisdiction over
18 health and human services programs or appropriations.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.