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

1-8 relating to a feasibility study regarding the provision of
1-9 financial incentives to individuals who undergo training for child
1-10 protective services.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

1-13 (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
1-14 Commission.

1-15 (2) "Health and human services agencies" has the
1-16 meaning assigned by Section 531.001, Government Code.

1-17 (3) "Training for child protective services" means
1-18 training administered by a state agency or an institution of higher
1-19 education that is provided to individuals working or interested in
1-20 working in the field of child protective services and that is
1-21 intended to assist the individuals in performing that work more
1-22 effectively or efficiently.

1-23 (b) The commission shall study the feasibility of providing
1-24 a financial incentive to individuals to assist the individuals in
1-25 receiving training for child protective services.

1-26 (c) The study must:

1-27 (1) consider the feasibility of creating a private
1-28 foundation to solicit and receive money that will be used to assist
1-29 those individuals;

1-30 (2) consider possible means of providing a financial
1-31 incentive, including educational or living stipends or
1-32 reimbursement of tuition costs, to assist those individuals and
1-33 determine the most effective means to deliver the incentives;

1-34 (3) suggest criteria that those individuals must meet
1-35 to receive the financial incentives;

1-36 (4) estimate the initial cost and annual cost to this
1-37 state of providing the financial incentives to those individuals;
1-38 and

1-39 (5) estimate the savings and costs associated with
1-40 improved training of those individuals that may result from
1-41 providing the financial incentives.

1-42 (d) In conducting the study under Subsection (b) of this
1-43 section, the commission may cooperate as necessary with any
1-44 appropriate state agency.

1-45 (e) Not later than September 1, 2006, the commission shall
1-46 report the results of the study to the standing committees of the
1-47 senate and house of representatives with primary jurisdiction over
1-48 health and human services programs or appropriations.

1-49 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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