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	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1	AN ACT
2	relating to the coordination and improvement of certain programs
3	and services for the prevention of and early intervention in child
4	abuse and neglect.
5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
6	SECTION 1. Section 265.001(1), Family Code, is amended to
7	read as follows:
8	(1) "Department" means the Department of <u>Family and</u>
9	Protective [and Regulatory] Services.
10	SECTION 2. Chapter 265, Family Code, is amended by adding
11	Section 265.005 to read as follows:
12	Sec. 265.005. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
13	PREVENTION SERVICES. (a) Not later than December 1, 2008, in
14	consultation with the Interagency Coordinating Council for
15	Building Healthy Families, the department shall develop a
16	statewide, long-range strategic plan for child abuse and neglect
17	prevention services. The plan must include:
18	(1) a strategy for the state and political
19	subdivisions of the state to:
20	(A) reduce their need for services addressing
21	child maltreatment; and
22	(B) transition to a system that promotes child
23	abuse and neglect prevention services in order to use cost savings
24	to increase prevention services funding in the future; and

1	(2) details for child abuse and neglect public
2	awareness efforts and outreach.
3	(b) The department shall assist the Interagency
4	Coordinating Council for Building Healthy Families in any
5	reasonable manner requested by the council in preparing the portion
6	of the council's report to the legislature regarding the strategic
7	plan required by Section 267.001(g).
8	(c) This section expires September 1, 2009.
9	SECTION 3. Chapter 266, Family Code, as added by Chapter
10	587, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, is
11	redesignated as Chapter 267, Family Code, and is renumbered and
12	amended to read as follows:
13	CHAPTER $\underline{267}$ [$\underline{266}$]. INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR BUILDING
14	HEALTHY FAMILIES
15	Sec. <u>267.001</u> [266.001]. INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
16	BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES. (a) The Interagency Coordinating
17	Council for Building Healthy Families is established to <u>:</u>
18	(1) facilitate communication and collaboration
19	concerning policies for the prevention of and early intervention in
20	child abuse and neglect among state agencies whose programs and
21	services promote and foster healthy families <u>;</u>
22	(2) facilitate improvements in the coordination of
23	service delivery among those agencies;
24	(3) provide information and other resources to assist
25	those agencies; and
26	(4) receive input from those agencies in order to
27	develop and improve policies for the prevention of and early

1	intervention in child abuse and neglect.
2	(b) The council consists of one representative from each of
3	the following agencies appointed by the executive director or
4	commissioner of each agency:
5	(1) the Department of Family and Protective Services;
6	(2) the Health and Human Services Commission;
7	(3) the Department of State Health Services;
8	(4) the Department of Aging and Disability Services;
9	(5) the Texas Youth Commission;
10	(6) the Texas Education Agency;
11	(7) the Texas Workforce Commission;
12	(8) the office of the attorney general;
13	(9) the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission; [and]
14	(10) the Texas Department of Housing and Community
15	Affairs; and
16	(11) the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative
17	<u>Services</u> .
18	(c) A representative of an agency appointed to the council
19	must have an overall understanding of the agency's mission and
20	purpose and substantial experience and expertise relating to the
21	administration of the agency's policies, programs, and activities.
22	(d) The representative from the Department of Family and
23	Protective Services serves as the presiding officer of the council.
24	(e) The council shall meet at least quarterly and shall
25	submit to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
26	representatives, and the legislature the minutes of each council
27	meeting.

1	(f) The council shall evaluate:
2	(1) the potential for streamlined funding mechanisms
3	for programs and services for the prevention of and early
4	intervention in child abuse and neglect;
5	(2) the effectiveness and cost efficiency of
6	state-funded programs and services for the prevention of and early
7	intervention in child abuse and neglect;
8	(3) the effectiveness of state-funded child
9	maltreatment prevention programs and services in achieving their
10	intended outcomes and methods for transitioning those programs and
11	services to an increased reliance on evidence-based practices;
12	(4) methods for the ongoing identification of
13	additional opportunities for comprehensive improvements to the
14	delivery of services for the prevention of and early intervention
15	in child abuse and neglect; and
16	(5) the need for increased state funding for programs
17	and services for the prevention of and early intervention in child
18	abuse and neglect in order to ensure a sustained, long-term,
19	cost-effective investment in families in this state [Not later than
20	June 1, 2006, the council shall prepare and submit to the lieutenant
21	governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
22	legislature an inventory of the child abuse and neglect prevention
23	and early intervention policies, programs, and activities of each
24	agency represented on the council].
24	(a) Not lator than December 1 2008 [2006] the council

(g) Not later than December 1, <u>2008</u> [2006], the council shall prepare and submit to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the legislature a report

1 containing the council's recommendations for improving the 2 coordination and collaboration of child abuse and neglect 3 prevention and early intervention programs and services among state 4 agencies. The council shall include in the report: (1) the status of the council's findings based on the 5 6 council's evaluation under Subsections (f)(1), (4), and (5); (2) details regarding the strategic plan for child 7 8 abuse and neglect prevention services developed by the Department 9 of Family and Protective Services in consultation with the council 10 under Section 265.005; (3) the council's recommendations regarding 11 12 implementation of the strategic plan, including a detailed explanation of the resources, the funds, and any interagency or 13 14 intergovernmental agreements necessary to accomplish the plan; 15 and (4) the council's recommendation regarding whether to 16 17 continue the council.

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18 (h) Not later than December 1, 2009, the council shall 19 prepare and submit to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the 20 house of representatives, and the legislature a report containing 21 the status of the council's findings based on the council's 22 evaluation under Subsections (f)(2) and (3).

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 Sec. <u>267.002</u> [266.002]. EXPIRATION OF CHAPTER. This

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 chapter expires <u>January</u> [September] 1, <u>2010</u> [2007].

25 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.