

Amend HB 1322 (Senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Amend Chapter 264, Family Code, is by adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER

Sec. 264.821. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Communications tool" means an online method for peer-to-peer communication among individuals who handle child abuse and neglect cases.

(2) "Office" means the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System.

(3) "Online resource center" means a single interactive Internet website that provides, to individuals who handle child abuse and neglect cases, timely informational materials pertinent to child abuse and neglect cases in this state, which may include summaries of Texas cases and statutes relating to child abuse and neglect, sample briefs and other legal forms, articles and papers, manuals with information on Texas legal practice and practice tips, a conference calendar, and communications tools.

Sec. 264.822. CONTRACT. (a) The office shall contract with an entity to provide an online resource center if:

(1) the office is specifically appropriated money in an amount adequate to provide the online resource center; and

(2) there is a qualified entity with whom the office is able to contract.

(b) The online resource center must:

(1) provide a means of searching for informational materials by subject; and

(2) include a:

(A) communications tool for judges; and

(B) communications tool for attorneys.

(c) The contract under this section must prohibit the entity with which the office contracts from spending more than 12 percent of the contract price on the entity's indirect or administrative overhead expenses.

(d) If the office does not enter into a contract in accordance with this subchapter, the office may not receive the funds appropriated to the office in connection with this subchapter.

Sec. 264.823. ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTRACT. The entity with which the office contracts under this subchapter must:

(1) have experience in operating an online resource center specifically designed for judges and attorneys handling child abuse and neglect cases in this state;

(2) have experience in providing a communications tool; and

(3) employ or contract with at least one attorney who is licensed to practice law in this state and who specializes in child abuse and neglect cases to compile the materials for and oversee the operation of the online resource center.

Sec. 264.824. FUNDING. (a) The entity with which the office contracts under this subchapter may obtain funding from private foundations and individuals, from state and federal grants, and from any other source to operate the online resource center.

(b) The entity must maintain and provide to the office records that adequately identify:

(1) each person who provided funds to the entity to operate the online resource center; and

(2) the amount of funds the person provided.

Sec. 264.825. CONFIDENTIALITY. All communications conducted through a communications tool provided in connection with the online resource center implemented under this subchapter are privileged and confidential.

SECTION _____. This Act does not make an appropriation. A provision in this Act that creates a new governmental program, creates a new entitlement, or imposes a new duty on a governmental entity is not mandatory during a fiscal period for which the legislature has not made a specific appropriation to implement the provision.

SECTION _____. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.