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

1-8 relating to membership on and reporting requirements of the child  
1-9 fatality review team committee.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 264.502, Family  
1-12 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-13 (b) The members of the committee who serve under Subsections  
1-14 (a)(1) through (3) shall select the following additional committee  
1-15 members:

1-16 (1) a criminal prosecutor involved in prosecuting  
1-17 crimes against children;

1-18 (2) a sheriff;

1-19 (3) a justice of the peace;

1-20 (4) a medical examiner;

1-21 (5) a police chief;

1-22 (6) a pediatrician experienced in diagnosing and  
1-23 treating child abuse and neglect;

1-24 (7) a child educator;

1-25 (8) a child mental health provider;

1-26 (9) a public health professional;

1-27 (10) a child protective services specialist;

1-28 (11) a sudden infant death syndrome family service  
1-29 provider;

1-30 (12) a neonatologist;

1-31 (13) a child advocate;

1-32 (14) a chief juvenile probation officer;

1-33 (15) a child abuse prevention specialist;

1-34 (16) a representative of the Department of Public  
1-35 Safety; ~~and~~

1-36 (17) a representative of the Texas Department of  
1-37 Transportation;

1-38 (18) a representative of emergency medical service  
1-39 providers; and

1-40 (19) a provider of services to victims of family  
1-41 violence.

1-42 (c) Members of the committee selected under Subsection (b)  
1-43 serve three-year terms with the terms of ~~[five or]~~ six or seven  
1-44 members, as appropriate, expiring February 1 each year.

1-45 SECTION 2. Subsection (f), Section 264.503, Family Code, is  
1-46 amended to read as follows:

1-47 (f) Not later than April 1 of each year, the ~~[The]~~  
1-48 committee shall issue a report containing aggregate data collected

1-49 by review teams regarding ~~[for]~~ each preventable child death~~[-. The~~  
1-50 ~~report must include findings related to the child's death],~~

1-51 recommendations on how to prevent similar deaths, and details  
1-52 surrounding the department's involvement with the child prior to

1-53 the child's death. ~~The [Not later than April 1 of each year, the]~~  
1-54 committee shall ~~[publish a compilation of the reports published~~

1-55 ~~under this subsection during the year,]~~ submit a copy of the report  
1-56 [compilation] to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the

1-57 house of representatives, and department, and make the report  
1-58 [compilation] available to the public. Not later than October 1 of

1-59 each year, the department shall submit a written response on the  
1-60 report [compilation] from the previous year to the committee,

1-61 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of  
1-62 representatives describing which of the committee's

1-63 recommendations regarding the operation of the child protective  
1-64 services system the department will implement and the methods of

2-1 implementation.

2-2 SECTION 3. The members of the child fatality review team  
2-3 committee under Subsection (a), Section 264.502, Family Code,  
2-4 responsible for selecting the additional members of the committee  
2-5 required by Subsection (b), Section 264.502, Family Code, as  
2-6 amended by this Act, shall make those appointments not later than  
2-7 November 1, 2009.

2-8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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