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S.B. No. 532

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study by the Department of Family and Protective
3 Services regarding establishing a system to identify children born
4 to certain parents.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 40.0327 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 40.0327. STUDY TO IDENTIFY BIRTHS TO CERTAIN PARENTS.

9 (a) The department shall study the feasibility of developing and
10 implementing a system that would:

11 (1) cross-reference new birth registrations filed
12 with the Bureau of Vital Statistics with the registry of reported
13 cases of child abuse and neglect and other department records to
14 determine whether a child is born to a parent:

15 (A) whose parental rights have been terminated;

16 or

17 (B) who has been convicted of child abuse or
18 neglect that resulted in another child's death; and

19 (2) open a case for a child described by Subdivision
20 (1) to allow the department to:

21 (A) assess the home and living situation of the
22 child; and

23 (B) provide support services to the child and the
24 child's parent.

1 (b) Not later than December 1, 2012, the department shall
2 report its findings and any recommendations for implementing the
3 system to the legislature.

4 (c) This section expires September 1, 2013.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.