

1-1 By: Dukes (Senate Sponsor - Williams) H.B. No. 1227  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 22, 2013;  
 1-3 April 22, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
 1-4 and Human Services; May 10, 2013, reported adversely, with  
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote:  
 1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 10, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1227 By: Deuell

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the use of an Internet application to allow access by  
 1-22 court-appointed volunteer advocates to child protective services  
 1-23 case information.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 264, Family Code, is  
 1-26 amended by adding Section 264.614 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 264.614. INTERNET APPLICATION FOR CASE TRACKING AND  
 1-28 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. (a) Subject to the availability of  
 1-29 money as described by Subsection (c), the department shall develop  
 1-30 an Internet application that allows a court-appointed volunteer  
 1-31 advocate representing a child in the managing conservatorship of  
 1-32 the department to access the child's case file through the  
 1-33 department's automated case tracking and information management  
 1-34 system and to add the volunteer advocate's findings and reports to  
 1-35 the child's case file.

1-36 (b) The court-appointed volunteer advocate shall maintain  
 1-37 the confidentiality required by this chapter and department rule  
 1-38 for the information accessed by the advocate through the system  
 1-39 described by Subsection (a).

1-40 (c) The department may use money appropriated to the  
 1-41 department and money received as a gift, grant, or donation to pay  
 1-42 for the costs of developing and maintaining the Internet  
 1-43 application required by Subsection (a). The department may solicit  
 1-44 and accept gifts, grants, and donations of any kind and from any  
 1-45 source for purposes of this section.

1-46 (d) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
 1-47 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement this  
 1-48 section.

1-49 SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
 1-50 date of this Act, the Department of Family and Protective Services  
 1-51 shall solicit money, if necessary, and develop the Internet  
 1-52 application as required by Section 264.614, Family Code, as added  
 1-53 by this Act.

1-54 (b) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this  
 1-55 Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services  
 1-56 Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section  
 1-57 264.614, Family Code, as added by this Act.

1-58 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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