

AN ACT

relating to a study on alcohol and controlled substance statistics prepared by the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Department of State Health Services.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Department of Family and Protective Services and the Department of State Health Services, using existing resources, shall conduct a study on alcohol and controlled substance statistics. The study must:

(1) determine whether either state agency currently compiles information on:

(A) the number of children reported to the department who at birth tested positive for the presence of alcohol or a controlled substance;

(B) the controlled substances for which the children described by Paragraph (A) of this subdivision tested positive;

(C) the number of children described by Paragraph (A) of this subdivision who were removed from their homes and have been diagnosed as having a disability or chronic medical condition resulting from the presence of alcohol or controlled substances; and

(D) the number of parents who test positive for the presence of a controlled substance during a department

1 investigation of a report of abuse or neglect of the parent's child;
2 and

3 (2) if neither agency compiles the information
4 described by Subdivision (1) of this subsection:

5 (A) determine which agency can compile the
6 information described by Subdivision (1) of this subsection most
7 effectively and at the lowest cost; and

8 (B) estimate the cost to that agency of compiling
9 the information, preparing a report on the information, posting a
10 copy of the report on the agency's Internet website, and
11 electronically submitting to the legislature a copy of the report.

12 (b) Not later than November 1, 2014, the Department of
13 Family and Protective Services and the Department of State Health
14 Services shall electronically submit a copy of the study prepared
15 under Subsection (a) of this section to the governor, lieutenant
16 governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and presiding
17 officer of each standing legislative committee with jurisdiction
18 over those departments.

19 (c) This section expires September 1, 2015.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1396 was passed by the House on May 8, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 12, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1396 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor