

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 2233

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a parent education pilot program by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 40, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. FAMILY SUPPORT AND PARENT EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM

Sec. 40.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Community organization" includes nonprofit organizations, schools, faith-based organizations, health clinics, and enrichment programs.

(2) "Pilot program" means the parent education pilot program.

Sec. 40.152. PARENT EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The department shall establish a parent education pilot program in a county with a population of at least four million to assist community organizations in the county in providing parent education classes to parents of children 12 years of age and younger.

(b) As part of the pilot program the department shall provide training in an evidence-based parent education program to the staff of each community organization in the county that agrees to provide family support and parent education classes that target parents of children 12 years of age and younger.

Sec. 40.153. PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES. A community

1 organization that participates in the pilot program must:

2 (1) have the organization's staff trained in an
3 evidence-based parent education program;

4 (2) provide evidence-based family support and parent
5 education classes to parents of children 12 years of age and
6 younger;

7 (3) recruit parents to attend family support and
8 parent education classes provided by the organization;

9 (4) complete the evaluation and participant progress
10 paperwork required by the department; and

11 (5) participate in peer support activities and
12 meetings.

13 Sec. 40.154. REVIEW OF PILOT PROGRAM; REPORT. Not later
14 than January 1, 2019, the department shall submit a report to the
15 legislature on the pilot program. The report must include:

16 (1) an evaluation of the pilot program that includes
17 statistics obtained using validated survey instruments that show
18 the percentage of parents who, after taking family support and
19 parent education classes from a community organization, report:

20 (A) a change in the parent's or child's behavior;
21 or

22 (B) an improvement in the parent's parenting
23 skills and knowledge, attitude toward being a parent, or
24 self-efficacy regarding the parent's parenting skills;

25 (2) an evaluation of the pilot program's impact
26 including:

27 (A) the number of community organizations

1 participating in the pilot program;

2 (B) the number of people trained to provide
3 evidence-based family support and parent education classes;

4 (C) the number of parents who have taken family
5 support and parent education classes from community organizations
6 participating in the pilot program; and

7 (D) the number of children affected by the family
8 support and parent education classes taught by community
9 organizations participating in the pilot program; and

10 (3) a recommendation as to whether the pilot program
11 should be continued, expanded, or implemented throughout the state.

12 Sec. 40.155. GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. The department
13 may accept a gift, grant, or donation from any source to carry out
14 the purposes of this subchapter.

15 Sec. 40.156. RULES. The executive commissioner may adopt
16 rules to implement this subchapter.

17 Sec. 40.157. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires September
18 1, 2019.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.