

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1641
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 23, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;
 1-4 April 23, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 23, 2015,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1641 By: Rodríguez

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

1-21 relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide
 1-22 protective services to certain persons determined to be at risk of
 1-23 future harm from abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 48, Human Resources Code,
 1-26 is amended by adding Section 48.212 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 48.212. PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PROTECTIVE SERVICES
 1-28 TO PERSONS AT RISK OF FUTURE HARM. (a) Notwithstanding any other
 1-29 law, including Section 48.002(a)(5), the department shall, using
 1-30 existing resources, develop and implement a pilot program that
 1-31 evaluates the feasibility and associated benefits of providing
 1-32 protective services when an elderly person or person with a
 1-33 disability has been determined, using criteria developed under
 1-34 Section 48.004, to be at risk of future harm from abuse, neglect, or
 1-35 exploitation, but who is not in a state of abuse, neglect, or
 1-36 exploitation.

1-37 (b) Section 48.1523 does not apply to reports considered
 1-38 under the pilot program developed under this section.

1-39 (c) The department may terminate the pilot program if the
 1-40 executive commissioner determines the termination is appropriate.
 1-41 The pilot program terminates August 31, 2017, unless the program is
 1-42 terminated before that date in accordance with this subsection.

1-43 (d) This section expires September 1, 2019.

1-44 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2016, the Department of
 1-45 Family and Protective Services shall develop and implement the
 1-46 pilot program required under Section 48.212, Human Resources Code,
 1-47 as added by this Act.

1-48 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than December 15, 2016, the
 1-49 Department of Family and Protective Services shall prepare and
 1-50 issue a report of preliminary findings from the pilot program
 1-51 required under Section 48.212, Human Resources Code, as added by
 1-52 this Act, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the
 1-53 standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over
 1-54 health and human services.

1-55 (b) Not later than December 15, 2017, the Department of
 1-56 Family and Protective Services shall submit a final report on the
 1-57 pilot program to the persons and entities described under
 1-58 Subsection (a) of this section. The report must include:

1-59 (1) an evaluation of the feasibility and benefits of
 1-60 the pilot program;

2-1 (2) any additional findings the department determines
2-2 appropriate; and
2-3 (3) recommendations for the continuation,
2-4 elimination, or expansion of the pilot program.

2-5 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act
2-6 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
2-7 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
2-8 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2-9 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
2-10 waiver or authorization is granted.

2-11 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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