

**SENATE AMENDMENTS**  
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By: González, Anchia, Leach, Rose, Villalba

H.B. No. 77

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of the Dallas Men Against Abuse program.

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

SECTION 1. STUDY REQUIRED. The Health and Human Services Commission shall conduct a study of the Dallas Men Against Abuse program implemented by the City of Dallas to address domestic violence to determine if any or all aspects of the program should be implemented at the state level or in additional local communities or school districts.

SECTION 2. CONTENTS OF STUDY. The study must:

- (1) examine each aspect of the program;
- (2) evaluate the effectiveness of each aspect of the program in reducing incidents of family violence, based on indicators such as the number of calls made to domestic violence hotlines, the number of victims of family violence who participate in prosecution of offenses involving family violence, and the number of aggravated assault charges filed in family violence cases;
- (3) assess the costs associated with the program and sources of funding;
- (4) determine the feasibility of implementing one or more aspects of the program at the state level or in additional local communities or school districts; and
- (5) make recommendations to the legislature regarding

1 implementation of any or all aspects of the program at the state  
2 level or in additional local communities or school districts.

3       SECTION 3. AGENCY PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION. At the  
4 request of the Health and Human Services Commission, the Department  
5 of Family and Protective Services and each other health and human  
6 services agency under the authority of the commission shall  
7 participate in the study and provide appropriate assistance. The  
8 Texas Education Agency shall cooperate with the Health and Human  
9 Services Commission as necessary to enable the commission to assess  
10 the feasibility of implementing any or all aspects of the program in  
11 school districts.

12       SECTION 4. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2016, the  
13 Health and Human Services Commission shall submit a report to the  
14 legislature regarding the results of the study and the commission's  
15 recommendations regarding expanded implementation of the program.

16       SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
17 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
18 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
19 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
20 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

ADOPTED

MAY 27 2015

*Henry Dew*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: *Roger W. N.*

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 77:

By: *Zaffarini*

C.S. H.B. No. 77

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2 relating to a study of the Dallas Men Against Abuse program and  
3 other activities in the Dallas community addressing family  
4 violence.

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

6 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

7 (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services  
8 Commission.

9 (2) "Program" means the Dallas Men Against Abuse  
10 program implemented by the City of Dallas.

11 SECTION 2. STUDY REQUIRED. (a) The Health and Human  
12 Services Commission, in conjunction with a statewide coalition on  
13 family violence, shall conduct a study of activities in the Dallas  
14 community addressing family violence, with a specific focus on each  
15 aspect of the Dallas Men Against Abuse program, to determine if any  
16 or all of those activities or program aspects should be implemented  
17 at the state level or in additional local communities or school  
18 districts.

19 (b) In conducting the study, the commission and the  
20 statewide coalition on family violence shall consult with:

21 (1) the City of Dallas Domestic Violence Task Force;  
22 and

23 (2) a researcher with expertise on family violence who  
24 is affiliated with an institution of higher education in this

1 state.

2 SECTION 3. CONTENTS OF STUDY. The study must:

3 (1) examine each aspect of the program;

4 (2) evaluate the effectiveness of each aspect of the  
5 program and the effectiveness of other community activities that  
6 contributed to changes in community responses to family violence,  
7 based on indicators developed in consultation with family violence  
8 experts, including the statewide coalition on family violence  
9 conducting the study in conjunction with the commission and the  
10 researcher described by Section 2(b)(2) of this Act;

11 (3) evaluate the effectiveness of the program in  
12 increasing male involvement in addressing family violence;

13 (4) incorporate background information, such as the  
14 number of calls made to domestic violence hotlines, the number of  
15 prosecutions of offenses involving family violence, and the number  
16 of charges filed in family violence cases, to provide context for  
17 the issue of family violence in the Dallas community and this state;

18 (5) assess the costs associated with the program and  
19 other community activities addressing family violence and sources  
20 of funding;

21 (6) determine the feasibility of implementing any or  
22 all of the program aspects or other community activities addressing  
23 family violence at the state level or in additional local  
24 communities or school districts; and

25 (7) make recommendations to the legislature regarding  
26 implementing any or all of the program aspects or other community  
27 activities addressing family violence at the state level or in

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2           SECTION 4. AGENCY PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION. At the  
3 request of the commission, the Department of Family and Protective  
4 Services and each other health and human services agency under the  
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12 commission shall submit a report to the legislature regarding the  
13 results of the study and the commission's recommendations regarding  
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16           SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
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19 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
20 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 27, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB77** by González, Mary (Relating to a study of the Dallas Men Against Abuse program and other activities in the Dallas community addressing family violence.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), in conjunction with a statewide coalition on family violence and with assistance from the other health and human services agencies and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as needed, to conduct a study and report to the legislature on activities in the Dallas community that address family violence, with a focus on the Dallas Men Against Abuse program.

This analysis assumes that any costs to HHSC to implement the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within current resources. TEA indicates that any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 701 Central Education Agency

**LBB Staff:** UP, SD, NB, WP, VJC, KVe, SS, JBi

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 22, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB77** by González, Mary (Relating to a study of the Dallas Men Against Abuse program and other activities in the Dallas community addressing family violence.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 22, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB77** by González, Mary (Relating to a study of the Dallas Men Against Abuse program.), **As Engrossed**

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The bill would require that the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), with assistance from the other health and human services agencies and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as needed, conduct a study and report to the legislature on the Dallas Men Against Abuse program.

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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**February 13, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB77** by González, Mary (Relating to a study of the Dallas Men Against Abuse program.), **As Introduced**

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