

**House Bill 77**  
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Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

No equivalent provision.

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;

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SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

- (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services Commission.
- (2) "Program" means the Dallas Men Against Abuse program implemented by the City of Dallas.

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

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

- (1) the City of Dallas Domestic Violence Task Force; and
- (2) a researcher with expertise on family violence who is affiliated with an institution of higher education in this state.

SECTION 3. CONTENTS OF STUDY. The study must:

- (1) examine each aspect of the program;
- (2) evaluate the effectiveness of each aspect of the program and the effectiveness of other community activities that contributed to changes in community responses to family violence, based on indicators developed in consultation with family violence experts, including the statewide coalition on family violence conducting the study in conjunction with the commission and the researcher described by Section 2(b)(2) of

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

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

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this Act;

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

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

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

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

(7) make recommendations to the legislature regarding implementing any or all of the program aspects or other community activities addressing family violence at the state level or in additional local communities or school districts.

**SECTION 4. AGENCY PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION.** At the request of the commission, the Department of Family and Protective Services and each other health and human services agency under the authority of the commission shall participate in the study and provide appropriate assistance. The Texas Education Agency shall cooperate with the commission as necessary to enable the commission to assess the feasibility of implementing any or all of the program aspects or other community activities addressing family violence in school districts.

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

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

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SECTION 5. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2016, the commission shall submit a report to the legislature regarding the results of the study and the commission's recommendations regarding expanded implementation of any or all program aspects or other community activities addressing family violence.

SECTION 6. Same as House version.

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