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H.B. No. 932

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the collection of information concerning the number of
3 juvenile offenders committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice
4 Department who have been in foster care.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 243, Human Resources Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 243.008 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 243.008. INFORMATION CONCERNING FOSTER CARE HISTORY.

9 (a) In this section, "foster care" means the placement of a child
10 in the conservatorship of a state agency responsible for providing
11 child protective services.

12 (b) The department, during the admission process, shall
13 determine whether a child committed to the department has at any
14 time been in foster care. The department shall record the following
15 on the child 's intake form:

16 (1) whether the child is currently in foster care; and
17 (2) if applicable, the number of times the child has
18 previously been placed in foster care.

19 (c) Not later than January 31 of each even-numbered year,
20 the department shall submit a report to the governor, the
21 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
22 and each standing committee having primary jurisdiction over the
23 department. The report must summarize statistical information
24 concerning the total number and percentage of children in the

1 custody of the department during the preceding two years who have at
2 any time been in foster care.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.