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H.B. No. 3095

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the requirements of the Department of Family and
3 Protective Services strategic plan for prevention and early
4 intervention services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 265.005, Family Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
8 follows:

9 (b) A strategic plan required under this section must:

10 (1) identify methods to leverage other sources of
11 funding or provide support for existing community-based prevention
12 efforts;

13 (2) include a needs assessment that identifies
14 programs to best target the needs of the highest risk populations
15 and geographic areas;

16 (3) identify the goals and priorities for the
17 department's overall prevention efforts;

18 (4) report the results of previous prevention efforts
19 using available information in the plan;

20 (5) identify additional methods of measuring program
21 effectiveness and results or outcomes;

22 (6) identify methods to collaborate with other state
23 agencies on prevention efforts; ~~and~~

24 (7) identify specific strategies to implement the plan

1 and to develop measures for reporting on the overall progress
2 toward the plan's goals; and

3 (8) include a growth strategy with the goal of
4 increasing the number of families receiving prevention and early
5 intervention services each year, subject to the availability of
6 funds, with the initial goal of providing services to 50 percent of
7 the highest risk families that are eligible to receive services
8 through home visiting and community-based programs financed with
9 federal, state, local, or private resources.

10 (f) In this section, "highest risk family" means a family
11 that has children five years of age or younger and whose family
12 income is at or below 50 percent of the federal poverty level.

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