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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Frank

1 Amend C.S.H.B. 1 (house committee printing) in Article II of
2 the bill, following the appropriations to the Department of Family
3 and Protective Services (page II-3), by adding the following
4 appropriately numbered rider and renumbering subsequent riders
5 accordingly:

6 _____. Contingency Rider: Child Welfare Task Force. (a)
7 Contingent on the passage and becoming law of H.B. 3950 or similar
8 legislation of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019,
9 authorizing the creation of the child welfare task force, the
10 Department of Family and Protective Services shall use \$1,500,000
11 in General Revenue from money appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1,
12 CPS Direct Delivery Staff, and in Strategy B.1.2, CPS Program
13 Support, for the purpose of implementing the legislation.

14 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that the amount of
15 \$1,500,000 may be used by the Department of Family and Protective
16 Services in the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2019, only
17 to implement the creation of the child welfare task force. Any
18 unexpended balance of that amount remaining as of August 31, 2020,
19 is appropriated for the same purpose for the state fiscal year
20 beginning September 1, 2020.

21 (c) In accordance with Section 2110.004, Government Code,
22 the members of the child welfare task force may be reimbursed for
23 expenses from funds appropriated above to the Department of Family
24 and Protective Services. To the maximum extent possible, the
25 Department of Family and Protective Services shall encourage the
26 use of videoconferencing and teleconferencing and shall schedule
27 and locate meetings to facilitate the travel of task force members
28 to reduce the need for members to stay overnight to attend a
29 meeting.