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H.B. No. 855

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the creation of a committee on licensing standards for
3 certain facilities licensed by the Department of Family and
4 Protective Services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 42.0222 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 42.0222. COMMITTEE ON LICENSING STANDARDS FOR
9 UNACCOMPANIED MINOR FACILITIES. (a) The committee on licensing
10 standards for facilities that provide services to unaccompanied
11 minors is composed of seven members appointed as follows:

12 (1) one member appointed by the governor;

13 (2) two members appointed by the lieutenant governor,
14 including one member who represents the pediatric medical
15 community;

16 (3) two members appointed by the speaker of the house
17 of representatives, including one member who is an expert in the
18 field of trauma-informed care;

19 (4) one member from the House Human Services Committee
20 appointed by the chair of that committee; and

21 (5) one member from the Senate Health and Human
22 Services Committee appointed by the chair of that committee.

23 (b) The committee shall meet not less than twice in Austin.

24 (c) The committee shall review and analyze the information

1 provided by the department and committee members and shall make
2 recommendations for policy and statutory changes relating to
3 licensing standards and facility inspections to improve the
4 delivery and quality of care provided by facilities that provide
5 services to unaccompanied minors.

6 (d) The committee shall report its findings and
7 recommendations to the department, the commission, and the
8 legislature not later than September 1, 2020.

9 (e) This section expires September 1, 2021.

10 SECTION 2. Not later than October 1, 2019, the appropriate
11 appointing authorities shall appoint the members of the committee
12 on licensing standards for unaccompanied minor facilities as
13 provided by Section 42.0222, Human Resources Code, as added by this
14 Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.