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H.B. No. 941

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a child-care facility database on the Health and Human  
3 Services Commission's Internet website.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 42.026 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 42.026. SEARCHABLE CHILD-CARE FACILITY DATABASE. (a)  
8 The commission shall establish on the commission's Internet website  
9 a searchable database that allows an individual to obtain  
10 information on the child-care facilities and residential  
11 child-care facilities licensed under this chapter and the family  
12 homes registered or listed under this chapter. To assist the  
13 individual in making an informed decision when selecting child  
14 care, the database must be easily accessible and allow a person to  
15 search the database by facility or home name, operation type, and  
16 location and by the ages of children served at the facility or home.

17 (b) For each child-care facility and residential child-care  
18 facility licensed under this chapter and each family home  
19 registered or listed under this chapter, the database must include:

20 (1) information on whether the facility or home has  
21 sufficient liability insurance coverage for the number of children  
22 the facility or home is authorized to serve under its license or  
23 registration;

24 (2) information on whether the facility or home has

1 surveillance cameras that provide adequate observation of  
2 caregiver and child activity;

3 (3) the caregiver-to-child ratio and the date this  
4 ratio was last measured by the commission;

5 (4) a link to commission investigative reports on the  
6 commission's Internet website; and

7 (5) information on whether all facility or home  
8 personnel have undergone criminal history record checks and the  
9 date the commission verified compliance with required checks.

10 (c) The executive commissioner may adopt rules as necessary  
11 to implement this section.

12 SECTION 2. Not later than September 30, 2019, the Health and  
13 Human Services Commission shall establish the database on its  
14 Internet website as required by Section 42.026, Human Resources  
15 Code, as added by this Act.

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