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H.B. No. 1362

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the caseloads of child protective services caseworkers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code,  
is amended by adding Section 40.05291 to read as follows:

Sec. 40.05291. CASEWORKER CASELOAD SCORING SYSTEM AND  
REPORT. (a) The department shall study the development and  
implementation of a scoring system to ensure equity in the  
distribution of cases among child protective services caseworkers.  
As part of the study, the department shall:

(1) consider:

(A) the procedures for assigning cases;

(B) the methods for managing caseloads; and

(C) the factors considered in assigning scores to  
caseloads and assigning cases to caseworkers;

(2) determine the average caseload for caseworkers in  
each department region;

(3) determine the cost to implement any scoring system  
developed by the department; and

(4) ensure any scoring system developed by the  
department has the capability of producing monthly reports that  
include information for each department region.

(b) Not later than September 1, 2020, the department shall  
report the results of the study and any recommendations to the

1 governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of  
2 representatives, and chairs of the standing committees of the  
3 senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction  
4 over child protection issues.

5 (c) This section expires September 1, 2021.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.