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S.B. No. 470

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain duties of county child welfare boards and of the
3 Department of Family and Protective Services regarding county child
4 welfare boards.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 264.005, Family Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsections (h), (i), and (j) to
8 read as follows:

9 (f) A county child welfare [~~protective services~~] board
10 member may receive information that is confidential under Section
11 40.005, Human Resources Code, or Section 261.201 when the board
12 member is acting in the member's official capacity.

13 (h) The department:

14 (1) shall identify staff to collaborate with county
15 child welfare boards to:

16 (A) coordinate efforts between the department
17 and the boards in the provision of services; and

18 (B) maximize the resources of the department and
19 each board;

20 (2) may collect publicly available financial
21 information prepared by a county child welfare board for
22 distribution to the county commissioners court; and

23 (3) shall create and make available on the
24 department's Internet website a standardized form for each county

1 child welfare board to report:

2 (A) the amount and source of funds received by
3 the board during the board's preceding fiscal year; and

4 (B) the amount and source of funds expended by
5 the board during the board's preceding fiscal year, including a
6 description of the purpose of each expenditure.

7 (i) Not later than November 1 of each year, each county
8 child welfare board shall report the information described by
9 Subsection (h)(3) on the form created under that subdivision to:

10 (1) the department; and

11 (2) the commissioner's court for the county or
12 counties in which the board operates.

13 (j) Notwithstanding Subsection (i), not later than January
14 1, 2020, each county child welfare board shall submit the initial
15 report required by this section. This subsection expires November
16 1, 2021.

17 SECTION 2. The Department of Family and Protective Services
18 shall create and distribute the form required by Section
19 264.005(h), Family Code, as added by this Act, not later than
20 November 1, 2019.

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