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(Noble)

S.B. No. 470

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 470:

By: Miller

C.S.S.B. No. 470

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

(h) The department:

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

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

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

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

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

1 child welfare board to report:

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

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

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 commissioners court for the county or counties
12 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.