

By: Watson
(Guerra)

S.B. No. 706

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an investigation unit within the Health and Human Services Commission for certain illegally operating child-care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0084 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0084. INVESTIGATION UNIT FOR ILLEGALLY OPERATING CHILD-CARE FACILITIES. The executive commissioner shall maintain a unit within the child-care licensing division of the commission consisting of investigators whose primary responsibility is to:

(1) identify child-care facilities that are operating without a license, certification, registration, or listing required by Chapter 42, Human Resources Code; and

(2) initiate appropriate enforcement actions against those facilities.

SECTION 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall establish the investigation unit required by Section 531.0084, Government Code, as added by this Act.

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