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TO: Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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IN RE: HB3950 by Frank (Relating to the establishment of the Joint Committee on Child Welfare.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would establish a Joint Committee on Child Welfare to monitor and report to the legislature regarding the implementation of community-based care and the federal Family First Prevention Services Act. The committee would be permitted to employ staff through funds made available by the legislature. The committee would be required to submit a report by September 1, 2020 and submit a final evaluation of the implementation of community-based care by December 30, 2024.

The bill would amend Chapter 40 of the Human Resources Code to require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to develop a strategic plan no later than December 30, 2019 for the coordinated implementation of community-based care as well as foster care prevention services that meet the requirements of Title VII, Div. E, Pub. L. No. 115-123. The bill would require DFPS to consult with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and community stakeholders to identify the network of services providers required in the plan. This section would expire March 1, 2020.

It is assumed that the provisions of the bill could be implemented using existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2019. The committee would be abolished and the bill would expire December 31, 2024.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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