

SENATE AMENDMENTS

2nd Printing

By: Frank, Minjarez, Klick

H.B. No. 3950

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of the child welfare task force and
3 provision of services in the child welfare system.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

6 (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
7 Commission.

8 (2) "Community-based care" has the meaning assigned by
9 Section 264.152, Family Code.

10 (3) "Department" means the Department of Family and
11 Protective Services.

12 (4) "Task force" means the child welfare task force.

13 (b) The child welfare task force is established to develop a
14 statewide plan for the continued implementation of community-based
15 care and the implementation of family preservation and other
16 related prevention services for the state's child welfare system.

17 (c) The task force is composed of nine voting members as
18 follows:

19 (1) three members appointed by the governor;

20 (2) three members of the senate, appointed by the
21 lieutenant governor; and

22 (3) three members of the house of representatives,
23 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

24 (d) The chair and the vice chair of the task force shall be

1 elected by members of the task force.

2 (e) A task force member is not entitled to compensation for
3 service on the task force but is entitled to reimbursement for
4 actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing task force
5 duties. The task force may accept gifts, grants, and donations to
6 pay for those expenses.

7 (f) The task force shall meet at least quarterly at the call
8 of the chair and may consider public testimony.

9 (g) Notwithstanding Chapter 551, Government Code, or any
10 other law, the task force may meet by telephone conference call,
11 videoconference, or other similar telecommunication method. A
12 meeting held by telephone conference call, videoconference, or
13 other similar telecommunication method is subject to the
14 requirements of Sections 551.125(c), (d), (e), and (f), Government
15 Code.

16 (h) The task force shall develop a statewide plan for the
17 continued implementation of community-based care and the
18 implementation of family preservation and other related prevention
19 services for the state's child welfare system.

20 (i) The statewide plan must:

21 (1) identify sources of funding, including the
22 development of a robust financial methodology, for the continued
23 implementation of community-based care and family preservation and
24 other related prevention services;

25 (2) include a timeline for the complete implementation
26 of the statewide plan developed by the task force and identify
27 additional resources the department will require to meet that

1 timeline, including enhanced training related to procurement,
2 contract monitoring and enforcement services, information
3 technology services, and financial and legal services;

4 (3) identify barriers to using federal and state money
5 and necessary purchased services to achieve greater numbers of
6 children and youth who remain safely with their families by
7 reviewing and effectively maximizing:

8 (A) the prevention and early intervention
9 services currently available in this state; and

10 (B) any services relating to families entering
11 the child protective services system;

12 (4) identify all sources of flexible funding under
13 federal and state law that may be used to support the continued
14 implementation of community-based care and family preservation and
15 other related prevention services, including the following
16 implementation issues:

17 (A) the placement of children in settings
18 eligible for federal financial participation under the
19 requirements of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act
20 (Title VII, Div. E, Pub. L. No. 115-123);

21 (B) any costs related to the use of federal money
22 transferred under the federal Family First Prevention Services Act;
23 and

24 (C) any other beneficial programs or services
25 available under the federal Family First Prevention Services Act;
26 and

27 (5) identify legislative or regulatory barriers to

1 full implementation of community-based care.

2 (j) The task force may request relevant information from the
3 commission, the department, or other relevant state agencies, and
4 the commission, the department, or other agencies shall comply with
5 the request, unless the provision of the information is prohibited
6 by state or federal law.

7 (k) The task force, using available resources, may:

8 (1) contract with a third-party consultant using the
9 procedures under Subchapter B, Chapter 2254, Government Code, to
10 assist the task force in carrying out its duties; and

11 (2) employ a full-time staff.

12 (l) The task force is administratively attached to the
13 commission for the purpose of contracting under Subsection (k)(1)
14 of this section.

15 (m) Task force members and personnel may be appointed or
16 employed from different catchment areas, as defined by Section
17 264.152, Family Code, in this state.

18 (n) The task force shall submit a written report on the
19 statewide plan developed by the task force to the governor, the
20 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
21 and each member of the standing committees of the senate and house
22 of representatives having primary jurisdiction over child welfare
23 issues not later than September 1, 2020.

24 (o) The task force shall monitor the continued
25 implementation of community-based care and family preservation and
26 other related prevention services, and the implementation plan
27 developed by the department under Section 264.153, Family Code.

1 (p) The task force shall submit a final evaluation of the
2 implementation of community-based care to the governor, the
3 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
4 and each member of the standing committees of the senate and house
5 of representatives having primary jurisdiction over child welfare
6 issues not later than December 30, 2024.

7 (q) Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede
8 or limit the department's duty to develop and maintain the plan
9 under Section 264.153, Family Code.

10 (r) The task force is abolished and this Act expires
11 December 31, 2024.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

ADOPTED

MAY 22 2019

Atty. Gen.
Secretary of the Senate

By: Frank / Kolkhorst

____.B. No. _____

Substitute the following for ____B. No. _____:

By: *Campbell*

C.S. H.B. No. 3950

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of the Joint Committee on Child
3 Welfare.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

6 (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
7 Commission.

8 (2) "Committee" means the Joint Committee on Child
9 Welfare.

10 (3) "Community-based care" has the meaning assigned by
11 Section 264.152, Family Code.

12 (4) "Department" means the Department of Family and
13 Protective Services.

14 (b) The Joint Committee on Child Welfare is composed of nine
15 voting members as follows:

16 (1) three members appointed by the governor;

17 (2) three members of the senate, appointed by the
18 lieutenant governor; and

19 (3) three members of the house of representatives,
20 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

21 (c) The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of
22 representatives shall each appoint a member described by Subsection
23 (b)(2) or (3) of this section, respectively, to serve as joint
24 chairs of the committee.

1 (d) The committee shall meet at least quarterly at the call
2 of the joint chairs and may consider public testimony.

3 (e) The committee may employ persons necessary to carry out
4 this section through funds made available by the legislature.

5 (f) The committee shall monitor and report to the
6 legislature on the following related to the implementation of
7 community-based care and the federal Family First Prevention
8 Services Act (Title VII, Div. E, Pub. L. No. 115-123):

9 (1) all sources of funding for the continued
10 implementation of community-based care and family preservation and
11 other related prevention services;

12 (2) a timeline for the complete implementation of
13 community-based care and additional resources the department will
14 require to meet that timeline, including enhanced training related
15 to procurement, contract monitoring and enforcement services,
16 information technology services, and financial and legal services;

17 (3) barriers to using federal and state money and
18 necessary purchased services to achieve greater numbers of children
19 and youth who remain safely with their families by reviewing and
20 effectively maximizing:

21 (A) the prevention and early intervention
22 services currently available in this state; and

23 (B) any services relating to families entering
24 the child protective services system;

25 (4) the placement of children in settings eligible for
26 federal financial participation under the requirements of the
27 federal Family First Prevention Services Act;

1 (5) any other beneficial programs or services
2 available under the federal Family First Prevention Services Act;
3 and

4 (6) legislative or regulatory barriers to full
5 implementation of community-based care.

6 (g) The committee may request relevant information from the
7 commission, the department, or other relevant state agencies, and
8 the commission, the department, or other agencies shall comply with
9 the request, unless the provision of the information is prohibited
10 by state or federal law.

11 (h) The committee shall submit a written report described by
12 Subsection (f) of this section to the governor, the lieutenant
13 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each
14 member of the standing committees of the senate and house of
15 representatives having primary jurisdiction over child welfare
16 issues not later than September 1, 2020.

17 (i) The committee shall monitor the continued
18 implementation of community-based care and family preservation and
19 other related prevention services, and the implementation plan
20 developed by the department under Section 264.153, Family Code.

21 (j) The committee shall submit a final evaluation of the
22 implementation of community-based care to the governor, the
23 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
24 and each member of the standing committees of the senate and house
25 of representatives having primary jurisdiction over child welfare
26 issues not later than December 30, 2024.

27 (k) The committee is abolished and this Act expires December

1 31, 2024.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

ADOPTED

MAY 22 2019

Leta Speed
Secretary of the Senate

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY:

L. W. Kelleher

Amend C.S.H.B. No. 3950 (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in Subsection (f) (page 2, between lines 11 and 12), by inserting the following appropriately numbered subdivision and renumbering the subsequent subdivisions of Subsection (f) accordingly:

() the department shall report to the joint committee:

(A) efforts to coordinate between the department and county child welfare boards in the provision of services; and

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 2

ADOPTED

MAY 22 2019

BY:

Royce West

Arlene Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

1 Amend H.B. 3950 (senate committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION ____ . Subchapter C, Chapter 40, Human Resources
5 Code, is amended by adding Section 40.079 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 40.079. STRATEGIC STATE PLAN TO IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY-
7 BASED CARE AND FOSTER CARE PREVENTION SERVICES. (a) The
8 department shall develop a strategic plan for the coordinated
9 implementation of:

10 (1) community-based care as defined by Section 264.152,
11 Family Code; and

12 (2) foster care prevention services that meet the
13 requirements of Title VII, Div. E, Pub. L. No. 115-123.

14 (b) The strategic plan required under this section must:

15 (1) identify a network of services providers to provide
16 mental health, substance use, and in-home parenting support
17 services for:

18 (A) children at risk of entering foster care;

19 (B) the parents and caregivers of children
20 identified under Paragraph (A); and

21 (C) pregnant or parenting youth in foster care;

22 (2) identify methods for the statewide implementation
23 of foster care prevention services, including implementation in
24 department regions that are transitioning to community-based care;

25 (3) identify resources necessary for the department to
26 implement community-based care and to coordinate that
27 implementation with the implementation of foster care prevention
28 services, including:

29 (A) enhanced training related to procurement,

1 contract monitoring and enforcement services, information
2 technology services, and financial and legal services;

3 (B) a financial methodology for funding the
4 implementation of community-based care and foster care prevention
5 services; and

6 (C) resources to address the placement of children
7 in settings eligible for federal financial participation under the
8 requirements of Title VII, Div. E, Pub. L. No. 115-123;

9 (4) identify methods to:

10 (A) maximize resources from the federal government
11 under Title VII, Div. E, Pub. L. No. 115-123;

12 (B) apply for other available federal and private
13 funds;

14 (C) streamline and reduce duplication of effort by
15 each state agency involved in providing services described by
16 Subdivision (1);

17 (D) streamline the procedures for determining
18 eligibility for services described by Subdivision (1);

19 (E) prescribe and terminate services described by
20 Subdivision (1); and

21 (F) reduce recidivism in foster care prevention
22 services;

23 (5) include a method to:

24 (A) notify the Senate Health and Human Services
25 Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Committee on
26 Human Services, the House Committee on Public Health, and the House
27 Appropriations Committee of federal and private funding
28 opportunities; and

29 (B) respond to the opportunities described by
30 Paragraph (A); and

31 (6) identify opportunities to coordinate with

1 independent researchers to assist community programs in evaluating
2 and developing trauma-informed services and promising, supported,
3 or well-supported services and strategies under Title VII, Div. E,
4 Pub. L. No. 115-123.

5 (c) In identifying the network of providers described by
6 Subsection (b)(1), the department shall consult with the Health
7 and Human Services Commission, the Department of State Health
8 Services, and community stakeholders.

9 (d) This section does not supersede or limit the
10 department's duty to develop and maintain the plan under Section
11 264.153, Family Code.

12 (e) The department shall submit the plan developed under
13 this section to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker
14 of the house of representatives, and each member of the standing
15 committees of the senate and house of representatives having
16 primary jurisdiction over child welfare issues not later than
17 December 30, 2019.

18 (f) This section expires March 1, 2020.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 23, 2019

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

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

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

LBB Staff: WP, AKi, JQ, ND

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2019

TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolchhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

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

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. 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

LBB Staff: WP, AKi, JQ, ND

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 16, 2019

TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3950 by Frank (Relating to the establishment of the child welfare task force and provision of services in the child welfare system.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3950, As Engrossed: a negative impact of (\$668,985) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2020	(\$344,021)
2021	(\$324,964)
2022	(\$325,325)
2023	(\$325,695)
2024	(\$313,889)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GR Match For Medicaid 758	Probable Savings/(Cost) from Federal Funds 555	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2019
2020	(\$340,271)	(\$3,750)	(\$37,125)	2.0
2021	(\$321,422)	(\$3,542)	(\$35,069)	2.0
2022	(\$321,779)	(\$3,546)	(\$35,108)	2.0
2023	(\$322,145)	(\$3,550)	(\$35,148)	2.0
2024	(\$310,468)	(\$3,421)	(\$33,874)	2.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would establish a child welfare task force to develop a statewide plan for the continued implementation of community-based care and the implementation of family preservation and other related prevention services.

The task force would be composed of nine members appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, and these members would be entitled to compensation for travel to meetings. Meetings would be held at least quarterly.

The bill would allow the task force to contract with a third party consultant and hire full-time staff to carry out its duties.

The task force would be able to request relevant information from the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), and other relevant agencies.

The task force would be required to monitor the implementation of community-based care and related services and submit a final evaluation of the implementation to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives by December 30, 2024.

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 task force would be abolished and the bill would expire December 31, 2024.

Methodology

DFPS determined that it would require 2.0 full-time equivalents (FTEs), a Program Specialist VI and a Manager V, to support the task force. DFPS determined that \$76,500 would be required for reimbursement of member expenses for travel to quarterly meetings from fiscal year 2020 to 2024. The analysis also assumes that the task force would require \$100,000 in contracting costs each fiscal year to carry out its duties.

HHSC determined that it could implement the provisions of the bill using existing resources.

Technology

The analysis assumes that FTE related IT costs would be \$4,138 in All Funds in fiscal year 2020 and \$846 in All Funds in future fiscal years.

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

LBB Staff: WP, AKi, JQ, ND

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 15, 2019

TO: Honorable James B. Frank, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
 Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3950 by Frank (Relating to the establishment of the child welfare task force and provision of services in the child welfare system.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3950, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$668,985) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

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The task force would be able to request relevant information from the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), and other relevant agencies.

The task force would be required to monitor the implementation of community-based care and related services and submit a final evaluation of the implementation to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives by December 30, 2024.

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Methodology

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LBB Staff: WP, AKi, JQ, ND

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 25, 2019

TO: Honorable James B. Frank, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
 Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3950 by Frank (Relating to the establishment of the child welfare task force and provision of services in the child welfare system.), **As Introduced**

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The bill would allow the task force to contract with a third party consultant and hire full-time staff to carry out its duties.

The task force would be able to request relevant information from the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), and other relevant agencies.

The task force would be required to monitor the implementation of community-based care and related services and submit a final evaluation of the implementation to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives by December 30, 2024.

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