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S.B. No. 694

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the evaluation of child-care providers participating in
3 the Texas Rising Star Program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2308.3155, Government Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) The commission shall, using a competitive procurement
8 process that complies with all federal and state laws, select a
9 single entity to oversee a statewide roster of qualified assessors
10 to evaluate child-care providers participating in the Texas Rising
11 Star Program during the initial certification process and when a
12 provider applies for a higher level of certification.

13 SECTION 2. Section 2308.320, Government Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 2308.320. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROVIDERS. Each
16 board shall provide technical assistance to Texas Rising Star
17 Program providers and to providers seeking certification under the
18 Texas Rising Star Program, including providing:

19 (1) ~~[a child development specialist to serve as an~~
20 ~~evaluator of the provider during the certification process,~~

21 ~~[-2-]~~ a mentor or coach to a Texas Rising Star Program
22 provider to meet regularly with the provider and provide child care
23 resources to the provider, including developmentally appropriate
24 books, materials, and equipment;

1 (2) [~~(3)~~] consumer information regarding the
2 selection of quality child care for parents of children enrolled in
3 the program; and

4 (3) [~~(4)~~] parenting education information for parents
5 of children enrolled in the program, including information about
6 parenting classes that are available in the area or on the Internet.

7 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
8 of this Act, the Texas Workforce Commission shall complete the
9 initial competitive procurement process required under Section
10 [2308.3155\(d\)](#), Government Code, as added by this Act, to select the
11 entity to oversee a statewide roster of assessors for Texas Rising
12 Star Program providers.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.