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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to monthly reports of certain activity of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 264.017, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

(f) In addition to the other reports required by this section, the department shall publish a monthly report containing the following information for the preceding month:

(1) with respect to statewide intake:

(A) the number of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation reports received sorted by the source of the report;

(B) the number of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation reports that met the statutory definition of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation that were referred for investigation sorted by the type of allegation and the number of reports that were confirmed as abuse, neglect, or exploitation after an investigation;

(C) the average time to process an electronic report of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation;

(D) the average hold time for calls to the department's abuse hotline;

(E) the percentage of calls to the department's abuse hotline that were abandoned before the caller spoke with a

1 person; and

2 (F) the number of calls received by the Texas
3 Youth Helpline regarding runaway youth;

4 (2) with respect to child protective investigations:

5 (A) the total number of cases opened;

6 (B) the total number of cases completed and
7 closed sorted by the manner in which the case was closed;

8 (C) the average number of days to close a case;

9 (D) the total number of cases opened at
10 residential child-care facilities;

11 (E) the total percentage of cases assigned the
12 highest and second highest priorities the investigations of which
13 were started within the time required by Section 261.301;

14 (F) the total number of cases for which the
15 determination was changed after an administrative review within 12
16 months of the date of the determination; and

17 (G) the percentage of alleged victims in
18 investigations that were closed without providing services for
19 which, within 12 months of the date the case was closed, the
20 department:

21 (i) confirmed another allegation of abuse,
22 neglect, or exploitation against the child; or

23 (ii) opened another stage for services;

24 (3) with respect to family-based safety services:

25 (A) the total number of cases opened;

26 (B) the total number of cases closed;

27 (C) the average number of days to close a case;

1 (D) the percentage of cases in which a child was
2 eventually removed from the child's home; and

3 (E) the percentage of cases which were closed
4 without providing further services for which, within 12 months of
5 the date the case was closed, the department:

6 (i) confirmed another allegation of abuse,
7 neglect, or exploitation against the child; or

8 (ii) opened another stage for services;

9 (4) with respect to conservatorship services:

10 (A) the total number of children removed from
11 their home;

12 (B) the total number of children who exited from
13 the managing conservatorship of the department sorted by the manner
14 in which the child exited;

15 (C) the average number of months a child remained
16 in the managing conservatorship of the department;

17 (D) the average number of placements a child has
18 while in the managing conservatorship of the department;

19 (E) the percentage of sibling groups placed with
20 the same foster family;

21 (F) the percentage of youth who have aged out of
22 foster care and completed the Preparation for Adult Living program;

23 (G) the percentage of youth who exited from the
24 managing conservatorship of the department to a permanent
25 placement;

26 (H) the percentage of children who are adopted
27 within 12 months of the date their parent's parental rights were

1 terminated;

2 (I) the percentage of children in the managing
3 conservatorship of the department for longer than two years who
4 achieve permanency;

5 (J) the percentage of children who are returned
6 to their parents and for whom, within 12 months of the date the case
7 was closed, the department:

8 (i) confirmed another allegation of abuse,
9 neglect, or exploitation against the child; or

10 (ii) opened another stage for services;

11 (K) the percentage of children in the managing
12 conservatorship of the department who are placed with a relative
13 caregiver; and

14 (L) the percentage of children in foster care
15 placed in each county in the state;

16 (5) with respect to residential child-care licensing:

17 (A) the percentage of investigations in which the
18 department made a high risk finding;

19 (B) the percentage of child-care facilities with
20 no recent violations;

21 (C) the number of illegal operations identified,
22 resolved, and pending; and

23 (D) the number of validated allegations of child
24 abuse, neglect, or exploitation in child-care facilities; and

25 (6) with respect to parental child safety placement
26 agreements:

27 (A) the number of children placed under a

1 parental child safety placement agreement;

2 (B) the average duration of a placement under a
3 parental child safety placement agreement;

4 (C) the average duration of a placement under a
5 parental child safety placement agreement during an investigation;
6 and

7 (D) the percentage of children removed from a
8 placement under a parental child safety placement agreement and
9 placed in the managing conservatorship of the department.

10 (g) The department shall provide the report required by
11 Subsection (f) to the legislature and shall publish the report and
12 make the report available electronically to the public not later
13 than the 30th day after the end of the month for which the report is
14 made.

15 (h) The department may contract with a third party to assist
16 the department with collecting, analyzing, and reporting the data
17 required under Subsection (f). The third party must:

18 (1) be a Texas-based university;

19 (2) be independent of the department; and

20 (3) have demonstrated expertise in statistical,
21 financial, actuarial, logistical, and operational analysis.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.