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S.B. No. 2067

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a plan to address the substitute care capacity needs in certain Department of Family and Protective Services regions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 264.1261(b), Family Code, as added by Chapter 319 (S.B. 11), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Appropriate department management personnel from a child protective services region in which community-based care has not been implemented, in collaboration with foster care providers, faith-based entities, and child advocates in that region, shall use data collected by the department on foster care capacity needs and availability of each type of foster care and kinship placement in the region to create a plan to address the substitute care capacity needs in the region. The plan must identify:

(1) [both] short-term and long-term goals and strategies for addressing those capacity needs; and

(2) the capacity and geographic distribution of the following foster placements:

(A) licensed residential family-based substance use treatment facilities;

(B) qualified residential treatment programs as defined in the federal Family First Prevention Services Act (Title VII, Div. E, Pub. L. No. 115-123);

1                   (C) placements specializing in providing  
2 prenatal, postpartum, or parenting support for youth;

3                   (D) supervised placements in which a youth who is  
4 18 years of age or older is living independently;

5                   (E) placements providing high-quality  
6 residential care to children and youth who are or are at risk of  
7 becoming victims of sex trafficking; and

8                   (F) placements for children who are referred to  
9 or involved in the juvenile justice system.

10           SECTION 2. Sections [264.1261](#)(a) and (b), Family Code, as  
11 added by Chapter 822 (H.B. 1549), Acts of the 85th Legislature,  
12 Regular Session, 2017, are repealed.

13           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.