

Amend CSHB 1667 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 4, strike lines 16 through 23 and substitute the following:

(b) A person is not required to report concerns that:

(1) are solely related to:

(A) a child's behavior;

(B) truancy; or

(C) conditions of poverty, including a lack of adequate clothing, housing instability, or lack of utilities in the child's home; and

(2) do not adversely affect the child's physical or mental health or welfare.

(2) On page 5, line 22, strike "Section 261.1031" and substitute "Sections 261.1031 and 261.1032".

(3) On page 6, line 11, between "shall" and "provide", insert "make reasonable efforts to".

(4) On page 6, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

(e) Nothing in this section may be construed to require a community-based prevention or family preservation services provider to provide services that the provider does not have the resources, including funding, to provide.

Sec. 261.1032. IMPLEMENTATION STUDY AUTHORIZED. (a) The department may, in collaboration with single source continuum contractors, local or regional helplines, hospital systems, independent school districts, law enforcement agencies, and community-based prevention or family preservation services providers, study the implementation of Section 261.1031 in at least one child protective services region in which community-based care has been implemented under Subchapter B-1, Chapter 264. A study under this section must:

(1) explore and identify strategies for maximizing referrals for and delivery of community-based prevention or family preservation services in the region;

(2) determine whether a directory of community-based prevention or family preservation resources has been established;

(3) assess the effectiveness of community-based

prevention or family preservation services at promoting child safety and preventing entry into foster care;

(4) assess the effect that community education and promotion of the referral process under Section 261.1031 had on the number of families that received a referral for community-based prevention or family preservation services;

(5) determine whether the training required under Section 261.1021 is being provided;

(6) determine whether best practices for efficiently connecting families with community-based prevention or family preservation services providers have been developed;

(7) identify gaps in the availability of community-based prevention or family preservation services in the region; and

(8) recommend strategies for increasing the availability of effective community-based prevention or family preservation services in the region.

(b) Not later than November 1 of the calendar year in which a study authorized under this section is conducted, the department shall prepare and submit a report of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chairs of the house and senate committees with primary jurisdiction over the department.

(c) The department may conduct a study under this section only using federal or private grant funds. The department shall explore and seek opportunities for obtaining federal and private funds to perform a study under this section.