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H.B. No. 423

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a study regarding the cost of child care in this state  
3 in comparison to wages.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission  
6 with the assistance of the Texas Workforce Commission shall conduct  
7 a study regarding the cost of child care in this state in comparison  
8 to wages. The study must:

9 (1) examine:

10 (A) past trends in child-care costs in comparison  
11 to past wages;

12 (B) current trends in child-care costs in  
13 comparison to current wages;

14 (C) future trends in child-care costs, including  
15 projected costs for child care for each of the next 10 years and  
16 projected future wages for each of the next 10 years; and

17 (D) expansion or stabilization of social service  
18 programs over the periods provided in this subdivision; and

19 (2) compare the data described in Subdivision (1) of  
20 this subsection for single-parent and two-parent households.

21 (b) Not later than September 1, 2024, the Health and Human  
22 Services Commission shall report the results of the study conducted  
23 under Subsection (a) of this section to the governor, the  
24 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,

1 and each legislative standing committee with jurisdiction over  
2 child-care facilities.

3 (c) This section expires September 1, 2025.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.