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H.B. No. 1342

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the exchange of certain information between the
3 Department of Family and Protective Services or certain foster care
4 services contractors and a state or local juvenile justice agency.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 58.0052(b-3), Family Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (b-3) At the request of a state or local juvenile justice
9 agency, the Department of Family and Protective Services or a
10 single source continuum contractor who contracts with the
11 department to provide foster care services shall immediately~~[, not~~
12 ~~later than the 14th business day after the date of the request,~~
13 share with the juvenile justice agency information in the
14 possession of the department or contractor that is necessary to
15 improve and maintain community safety or that assists the agency in
16 the continuation of services for or providing services to a
17 multi-system youth who:

18 (1) is or has been in the temporary or permanent
19 managing conservatorship of the department;

20 (2) is or was the subject of a family-based safety
21 services case with the department;

22 (3) has been reported as an alleged victim of abuse or
23 neglect to the department;

24 (4) is the perpetrator in a case in which the

1 department investigation concluded that there was a reason to
2 believe that abuse or neglect occurred; ~~[or]~~

3 (5) is a victim in a case in which the department
4 investigation concluded that there was a reason to believe that
5 abuse or neglect occurred; or

6 (6) is a child for whom parental rights have been
7 terminated with respect to one or both parents.

8 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
9 58.0052(b-3), Family Code, applies only to a request for
10 information made by a state or local juvenile justice agency on or
11 after the effective date of this Act. A request for information
12 made before that date is governed by the law in effect immediately
13 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is
14 continued in effect for that purpose.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.