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S.B. No. 2423

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to required reporting by the Department of Family and
3 Protective Services regarding youth in the managing
4 conservatorship of the department who attempt suicide.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 264.017(b), Family Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) The department shall provide the report required by
9 Subsection (a) to the legislature and shall publish the report and
10 make the report available electronically to the public not later
11 than February 1 of each year. The report must include, with respect
12 to the preceding year:

13 (1) information on the number and disposition of
14 reports of child abuse and neglect received by the department;

15 (2) information on the number of clients for whom the
16 department took protective action, including investigations,
17 alternative responses, and court-ordered removals;

18 (3) information on the number of clients for whom the
19 department provided services in each program administered by the
20 child protective services division, including investigations,
21 alternative responses, family-based safety services,
22 conservatorship, post-adoption services, and transitional living
23 services;

24 (4) the number of children in this state who died as a

1 result of child abuse or neglect;

2 (5) the number of children described by Subdivision
3 (4) for whom the department was the children's managing conservator
4 at the time of death;

5 (6) information on the timeliness of the department's
6 initial contact in an investigation or alternative response;

7 (7) information on the response time by the department
8 in commencing services to families and children for whom an
9 allegation of child abuse or neglect has been made;

10 (8) information regarding child protection staffing
11 and caseloads by program area;

12 (9) information on the permanency goals in place and
13 achieved for children in the managing conservatorship of the
14 department, including information on the timeliness of achieving
15 the goals, the stability of the children's placement in foster
16 care, and the proximity of placements to the children's home
17 counties;

18 (10) the number of children who suffer from a severe
19 emotional disturbance and for whom the department is appointed
20 managing conservator, including statistics on appointments as
21 joint managing conservator, due to an individual voluntarily
22 relinquishing custody of a child solely to obtain mental health
23 services for the child;

24 (11) the number of children who are pregnant or a
25 parent while in the managing conservatorship of the department and
26 the number of the children born to a parent in the managing
27 conservatorship of the department who are placed in the managing

1 conservatorship of the department;

2 (12) the number of children who are missing from the
3 children's substitute care provider while in the managing
4 conservatorship of the department; ~~and~~

5 (13) the number of children who were victims of
6 trafficking under Chapter 20A, Penal Code, while in the managing
7 conservatorship of the department; and

8 (14) the number of children who attempted suicide
9 while in the managing conservatorship of the department.

10 SECTION 2. Section 264.018(a)(4), Family Code, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 (4) "Significant change in medical condition" means
13 the occurrence of an injury or the onset of an illness that is
14 life-threatening or may have serious long-term health
15 consequences. The term includes:

16 (A) the occurrence or onset of an injury or
17 illness that requires hospitalization for surgery or another
18 procedure that is not minor emergency care; and

19 (B) a suicide attempt.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.