

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

While single source continuum contractor performance is evaluated on an ongoing basis in compliance with the Texas Government Code, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) has limited enforcement authority for poor contractor performance. Currently, DFPS uses methods of technical assistance, corrective action plans, increased monitoring via continuous quality improvement plans, or contract termination as remedies. Financial remedies are only available when a contractor has moved to Stage III of community-based care implementation, which occurs 18 months after the start of Stage II.

This bill enables DFPS to implement performance remedies before the 18-month mark, allowing for earlier intervention in cases of poor contract performance.

H.B. 4129 amends current law relating to the contract requirements for a contract between a single source continuum contractor and the Department of Family and Protective Services.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 264.155(a), Family Code, to require that a contract with a single source continuum contractor to provide community-based care services in a catchment area include certain provisions, including provisions requiring the Department of Family and Protective Services to implement formal measures to ensure the contractor is delivering high-quality service, including quality improvement plans, financial interventions, and other appropriate interventions or restrictions, and to make nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2025.