

1-1 By: Villalobos, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.B. No. 4377  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2025;  
1-3 May 12, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &  
1-4 Human Services; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the retention of certain genetic material and genetic  
1-20 information by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code,  
1-23 is amended by adding Section 40.084 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 40.084. RETENTION OF GENETIC MATERIAL AND GENETIC  
1-25 INFORMATION. (a) In this section:

1-26 (1) "DNA" means deoxyribonucleic acid.

1-27 (2) "Genetic information" means information related  
1-28 to the genetic characteristics of an individual or the individual's  
1-29 family that is derived from the results of a genetic analysis.

1-30 (3) "Genetic material" means blood or another specimen  
1-31 that contains DNA.

1-32 (4) "Genetic test" means an analysis of an  
1-33 individual's genetic material to determine paternity.

1-34 (5) "Testing laboratory" means any entity the  
1-35 department contracts with for the provision of laboratory services,  
1-36 including genetic testing.

1-37 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the department and  
1-38 any testing laboratory used by the department shall promptly  
1-39 destroy any genetic material and delete any genetic information  
1-40 obtained from an individual for the purpose of a genetic test after  
1-41 the purpose for which the sample was obtained is accomplished.

1-42 (c) The department shall retain the results of a genetic  
1-43 test. The results of a genetic test are confidential under Section  
1-44 40.005.

1-45 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2026, any testing  
1-46 laboratory used by the Department of Family and Protective Services  
1-47 shall destroy all genetic material and delete genetic information  
1-48 as required by Section 40.084, Human Resources Code, as added by  
1-49 this Act.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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