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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an early childhood integrated data system.

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

4 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 3, Human Resources Code, is
5 amended by adding Chapter 74 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 74. EARLY CHILDHOOD INTEGRATED DATA SYSTEM

Sec. 74.0001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Cooperating entity" means the:

13 (C) Health and Human Services Commission;

14 (D) Texas Education Agency;

15 (E) Texas Workforce Commission; and

16 (F) Texas Head Start State Collaboration

17 (2) "Early childhood interagency workgroup" means the

18 workgroup that promotes collaboration across state agencies
19 serving families with young children and that consists of
20 representatives from the following state agencies:

23 (B) Department of State Health Services;

24 (C) Health and Human Services Commission;

(D) Texas Education Agency; and

(E) Texas Workforce Commission.

(3) "Lead agency" means the state agency designated on 74.0003.

(4) "System" means the early childhood integrated data established under this subchapter.

7 Sec. 74.0002. INITIAL DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD
8 INTEGRATED DATA SYSTEM. (a) Subject to Section 74.0004(1), the
9 early childhood interagency workgroup shall develop the early
10 childhood integrated data system for the purpose of facilitating
11 and strengthening the sharing of data from early childhood programs
12 across state agencies to:

18 (b) The system must be developed in a manner that:

25 (2) allows for the identification of and reporting on:

26 (A) specific outcome measures using aggregated
27 data that does not contain any identifying information, to the

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1 extent state or federal law, as applicable, expressly authorizes
2 that use of the information:

13 (c) Data other than that described by Subsection (b)(1) may
14 not be collected for purposes of the system.

15 Sec. 74.0003. DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY. During the
16 initial development of the system under Section 74.0002, the early
17 childhood interagency workgroup shall designate from among the
18 state entities listed in Sections 74.0001(1)(A) through (E) one
19 entity to act as the lead agency for the system.

20 Sec. 74.0004. LEAD AGENCY DUTIES. The lead agency shall:

26 (3) provide staff to operate the system; and

27 (4) using system data, conduct data matching using a

1 protocol approved by the cooperating entities.

2 Sec. 74.0005. COOPERATING ENTITIES. (a) The lead agency
3 and each cooperating entity shall enter into a memorandum of
4 understanding regarding the sharing of data for purposes of the
5 system. The memorandum of understanding must specify the data to be
6 shared consistent with Sections 74.0002(b)(1) and (c) and the
7 frequency and manner of that data sharing.

8 (b) Each cooperating entity shall participate in the system
9 and share data for purposes of the system as required by the
10 memorandum of understanding.

11 Sec. 74.0006. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. (a) Not later than
12 January 1 of each year, the early childhood interagency workgroup
13 shall submit to the legislature a report on the workgroup's, lead
14 agency's, and cooperating entities' progress in developing,
15 establishing, and operating the system.

16 (b) The initial report required by Subsection (a) must
17 include:

18 (1) the state entity the early childhood interagency
19 workgroup designated to act as the lead agency;

20 (2) an interagency data governance plan that includes:
21 (A) objectives relevant to the system and a
22 framework for achieving those objectives;

23 (B) the roles and responsibilities of all state
24 entities involved in establishing and maintaining the system; and

25 (C) documentation of relevant state and federal
26 privacy, cybersecurity, and data collection laws, including rules;

27 (3) a standardized process for updating the memorandum

1 of understanding into which the cooperating entities entered under
2 Section 74.0005;

3 (4) a design plan that focuses on:

4 (A) data security, storage, retention,
5 management, processing, transportation, and analytics and other
6 products; and

7 (B) roles and responsibilities of relevant state
8 entity personnel regarding data integration; and

9 (5) information on the status of:

10 (A) hiring project management full-time
11 equivalents;

12 (B) grant funding applied for and grant funding
13 secured; and

14 (C) the development of an Internet website that
15 includes a preliminary, publicly available consumer data
16 dashboard.

17 (c) Each report required by Subsection (a) following the
18 initial report must include:

19 (1) updates to the information required by Subsections
20 (a)(2) through (5);

21 (2) an overview on business use cases the system can
22 support; and

23 (3) information on the development of analytic tools
24 based on the business use cases described by Subdivision (2).

25 Sec. 74.0007. FUNDING. (a) The early childhood
26 interagency workgroup, the cooperating entities, and the lead
27 agency may use any available state or federal money to develop the

1 system.

2 **(b) The lead agency shall actively pursue grants or other**
3 **money available from the federal government to operate the system.**

4 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2026, the early
5 childhood interagency workgroup shall:

6 (1) designate the lead agency for the early childhood
7 integrated data system as required by Section 74.0003, Human
8 Resources Code, as added by this Act; and

9 (2) submit to the legislature the initial report
10 required by Section 74.0006, Human Resources Code, as added by this
11 Act.

12 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act
13 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
14 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
15 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
16 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
17 waiver or authorization is granted.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.