

1-1 By: Gonzáles, et al. (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 77
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 13, 2015;
 1-3 April 21, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 and Human Services; May 22, 2015, reported adversely, with
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays
 1-6 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 77 By: Zaffirini

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a study of the Dallas Men Against Abuse program and
 1-22 other activities in the Dallas community addressing family
 1-23 violence.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

1-26 (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
 1-27 Commission.

1-28 (2) "Program" means the Dallas Men Against Abuse
 1-29 program implemented by the City of Dallas.

1-30 SECTION 2. STUDY REQUIRED. (a) The Health and Human
 1-31 Services Commission, in conjunction with a statewide coalition on
 1-32 family violence, shall conduct a study of activities in the Dallas
 1-33 community addressing family violence, with a specific focus on each
 1-34 aspect of the Dallas Men Against Abuse program, to determine if any
 1-35 or all of those activities or program aspects should be implemented
 1-36 at the state level or in additional local communities or school
 1-37 districts.

1-38 (b) In conducting the study, the commission and the
 1-39 statewide coalition on family violence shall consult with:

1-40 (1) the City of Dallas Domestic Violence Task Force;
 1-41 and

1-42 (2) a researcher with expertise on family violence who
 1-43 is affiliated with an institution of higher education in this
 1-44 state.

1-45 SECTION 3. CONTENTS OF STUDY. The study must:

1-46 (1) examine each aspect of the program;

1-47 (2) evaluate the effectiveness of each aspect of the
 1-48 program and the effectiveness of other community activities that
 1-49 contributed to changes in community responses to family violence,
 1-50 based on indicators developed in consultation with family violence
 1-51 experts, including the statewide coalition on family violence
 1-52 conducting the study in conjunction with the commission and the
 1-53 researcher described by Section 2(b)(2) of this Act;

1-54 (3) evaluate the effectiveness of the program in
 1-55 increasing male involvement in addressing family violence;

1-56 (4) incorporate background information, such as the
 1-57 number of calls made to domestic violence hotlines, the number of
 1-58 prosecutions of offenses involving family violence, and the number
 1-59 of charges filed in family violence cases, to provide context for
 1-60 the issue of family violence in the Dallas community and this state;

2-1 (5) assess the costs associated with the program and
2-2 other community activities addressing family violence and sources
2-3 of funding;

2-4 (6) determine the feasibility of implementing any or
2-5 all of the program aspects or other community activities addressing
2-6 family violence at the state level or in additional local
2-7 communities or school districts; and

2-8 (7) make recommendations to the legislature regarding
2-9 implementing any or all of the program aspects or other community
2-10 activities addressing family violence at the state level or in
2-11 additional local communities or school districts.

2-12 SECTION 4. AGENCY PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION. At the
2-13 request of the commission, the Department of Family and Protective
2-14 Services and each other health and human services agency under the
2-15 authority of the commission shall participate in the study and
2-16 provide appropriate assistance. The Texas Education Agency shall
2-17 cooperate with the commission as necessary to enable the commission
2-18 to assess the feasibility of implementing any or all of the program
2-19 aspects or other community activities addressing family violence in
2-20 school districts.

2-21 SECTION 5. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2016, the
2-22 commission shall submit a report to the legislature regarding the
2-23 results of the study and the commission's recommendations regarding
2-24 expanded implementation of any or all program aspects or other
2-25 community activities addressing family violence.

2-26 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
2-27 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
2-28 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
2-29 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
2-30 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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