

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 1217  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 20, 2015;  
1-3 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 15, 2015, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 15, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to reporting information for certain foster children who  
1-20 are missing or are victims of sex trafficking.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. The heading to Section [264.123](#), Family Code, is  
1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 264.123. REPORTS CONCERNING CHILDREN WHO ARE MISSING  
1-25 OR VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING [CHILD].

1-26 SECTION 2. Section [264.123](#), Family Code, is amended by  
1-27 amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsections (g) and (h) to read  
1-28 as follows:

1-29 (f) After a missing child returns to the child's substitute  
1-30 care provider, the department shall interview the child to  
1-31 determine the reasons why the child was missing, ~~and~~ where the  
1-32 child stayed during the time the child was missing, and whether,  
1-33 while missing, the child was a victim of conduct that constitutes an  
1-34 offense under Section [20A.02](#)(a)(7), Penal Code. The department  
1-35 shall report to an appropriate law enforcement agency any  
1-36 disclosure made by a child that indicates that the child was the  
1-37 victim of a crime during the time the child was missing. The  
1-38 department shall make a report under this subsection not later than  
1-39 24 hours after the time the disclosure is made. The department is  
1-40 not required to interview a missing child under this subsection if,  
1-41 at the time the child returns, the department knows that the child  
1-42 was abducted and another agency is investigating the abduction.

1-43 (g) The department shall collect information on each child  
1-44 in the department's managing conservatorship who is missing from  
1-45 the child's substitute care provider and on each child who, while in  
1-46 the department's managing conservatorship, is a victim of conduct  
1-47 that constitutes an offense under Section [20A.02](#)(a)(7), Penal Code.  
1-48 The collected information must include information on:

1-49 (1) whether the managing conservatorship of the  
1-50 department is temporary or permanent;

1-51 (2) the type of substitute care in which the child is  
1-52 placed; and

1-53 (3) the child's sex, age, race, and ethnicity and the  
1-54 department region in which the child resides.

1-55 (h) The department shall prepare an annual report on the  
1-56 information collected under Subsection (g) and make the report  
1-57 available on the department's Internet website. The report may not  
1-58 include any individually identifiable information regarding a  
1-59 child who is the subject of information in the report.

1-60 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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