

1-1 By: Campbell S.B. No. 940
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 1-4 Services; April 27, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3;
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 940 By: Uresti

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

1-21 relating to the evaluation of and improvements to the quality of the
 1-22 Texas Workforce Commission's subsidized child care program.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 302.0042, Labor Code, is amended by
 1-25 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
 1-26 follows:

1-27 (b) The commission's evaluation must assess:

1-28 (1) the use of current federal child care funds by each
 1-29 local workforce development board;

1-30 (2) the ability of each local workforce development
 1-31 board to meet child care performance measures;

1-32 (3) the estimated ~~[average]~~ cost incurred by child
 1-33 care providers ~~[of child care]~~ in each local workforce development
 1-34 area as stated in the report required under 45 C.F.R. Section
 1-35 98.45(f)(1);

1-36 (4) the average price charged by child care providers
 1-37 for child care in each local workforce development area as stated in
 1-38 the market rate survey conducted under 45 C.F.R. Section 98.45(c);

1-39 (5) the poverty rate of each local workforce
 1-40 development area compared to the state's poverty rate;

1-41 (6) ~~[(5)]~~ the number of children on waiting lists for
 1-42 child care in each local workforce development area; ~~[and]~~

1-43 (7) ~~[(6)]~~ the number of places that are reserved for
 1-44 participants in the child care subsidy program out of the total
 1-45 number of children enrolled with a provider on a full-time basis
 1-46 categorized by age of the child for each provider ~~[vacant slots
 1-47 available for child care placement]~~ in each local workforce
 1-48 development area that is certified as a 2-star, 3-star, or 4-star
 1-49 provider in the Texas Rising Star Program or that does not
 1-50 participate in the Texas Rising Star Program;

1-51 (8) the total number of child care providers
 1-52 participating in the Texas Rising Star Program in each local
 1-53 workforce development area and the number of 2-star, 3-star, and
 1-54 4-star rated child care providers in the local workforce
 1-55 development area;

1-56 (9) the number of child care providers participating
 1-57 in the Texas Rising Star Program in each local workforce
 1-58 development area as a percentage of the total number of subsidized
 1-59 child care providers in the local workforce development area and
 1-60 the number of 2-star, 3-star, and 4-star rated child care providers

2-1 in the local workforce development area as a percentage of the total
2-2 number of subsidized child care providers in the local workforce
2-3 development area;

2-4 (10) the total number of children enrolled in
2-5 subsidized child care providers participating in the Texas Rising
2-6 Star Program in each local workforce development area and the
2-7 number of subsidized children enrolled in 2-star, 3-star, and
2-8 4-star rated child care providers in the local workforce
2-9 development area; and

2-10 (11) the number of subsidized children enrolled in
2-11 child care providers participating in the Texas Rising Star Program
2-12 in each local workforce development area as a percentage of the
2-13 total number of subsidized children enrolled in child care
2-14 providers in the local workforce development area and the number of
2-15 subsidized children enrolled in 2-star, 3-star, and 4-star rated
2-16 child care providers in the local workforce development area as a
2-17 percentage of the total number of subsidized children enrolled in
2-18 child care providers in the local workforce development area.

2-19 (c) For the purposes of evaluation under this section, the
2-20 commission shall annually update the information described by
2-21 Subsections (b)(6)-(11).

2-22 SECTION 2. Section 302.0043, Labor Code, is amended by
2-23 adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsections (e) and (f) to
2-24 read as follows:

2-25 (c-1) The commission shall measure and evaluate the
2-26 progress of the commission's child care program regarding:

2-27 (1) coordination by the commission with the Texas
2-28 Education Agency to assign a Public Education Information
2-29 Management System (PEIMS) number to children younger than six years
2-30 of age enrolled in the commission's child care program;

2-31 (2) coordination with the Texas Education Agency,
2-32 school districts, and open-enrollment charter schools on any
2-33 prekindergarten quality improvement efforts;

2-34 (3) efforts to increase coordination between
2-35 participating providers in the commission's child care program,
2-36 school districts, and open-enrollment charter schools;

2-37 (4) facilitation of child care provider enrollment in
2-38 the Texas Rising Star Program and progression of providers to the
2-39 highest rating level in the program; and

2-40 (5) development and implementation of rates and
2-41 payments, as determined by local workforce development boards, to:

2-42 (A) allow participating providers to provide
2-43 high quality child care; and

2-44 (B) ensure that the commission meets performance
2-45 measures established by the legislature for the average number of
2-46 children served by the commission's child care program per day.

2-47 (e) The commission shall make the information collected by
2-48 the commission and the commission's findings available to local
2-49 workforce development boards, school districts, open-enrollment
2-50 charter schools, and the public.

2-51 (f) Not later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the
2-52 commission shall report to the legislature regarding the
2-53 commission's findings regarding the effectiveness of the
2-54 commission's child care program. The report must:

2-55 (1) include employment outcome information,
2-56 disaggregated by local workforce development area, regarding
2-57 parents receiving subsidized care under the program; ~~and~~

2-58 (2) identify multiyear trends in the information
2-59 collected and analyzed by the commission under this section,
2-60 including trends in the information for at least the five state
2-61 fiscal years preceding the date of the report; and

2-62 (3) include information described by Sections
2-63 302.0042(b)(8)-(11).

2-64 SECTION 3. Section 302.00435, Labor Code, is amended to
2-65 read as follows:

2-66 Sec. 302.00435. SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE PROGRAM; INPUT
2-67 POLICY. (a) The commission shall develop a policy for obtaining,
2-68 through appropriate methods, input from interested parties
2-69 regarding its subsidized child care program and for using that

3-1 input in administering that program.

3-2 (b) The policy developed under Subsection (a) must include
3-3 methods for obtaining input from the Texas Education Agency, school
3-4 districts, open-enrollment charter schools, subsidized child care
3-5 providers, relevant businesses, and the public, regarding:

3-6 (1) improving coordination between the subsidized
3-7 child care program and prekindergarten programs; and

3-8 (2) increasing the quality of and access to the
3-9 subsidized child care program.

3-10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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