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H.B. No. 473

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the Department of Family and Protective Services
3 reporting certain information regarding youth in the managing
4 conservatorship of the department who are pregnant or who are
5 parents.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 264.017(b), Family Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (b) The department shall provide the report required by
10 Subsection (a) to the legislature and shall publish the report and
11 make the report available electronically to the public not later
12 than February 1 of each year. The report must include, with respect
13 to the preceding year:

14 (1) information on the number and disposition of
15 reports of child abuse and neglect received by the department;

16 (2) information on the number of clients for whom the
17 department took protective action, including investigations,
18 alternative responses, and court-ordered removals;

19 (3) information on the number of clients for whom the
20 department provided services in each program administered by the
21 child protective services division, including investigations,
22 alternative responses, family-based safety services,
23 conservatorship, post-adoption services, and transitional living
24 services;

1 (4) the number of children in this state who died as a
2 result of child abuse or neglect;

3 (5) the number of children described by Subdivision
4 (4) for whom the department was the children's managing conservator
5 at the time of death;

6 (6) information on the timeliness of the department's
7 initial contact in an investigation or alternative response;

8 (7) information on the response time by the department
9 in commencing services to families and children for whom an
10 allegation of child abuse or neglect has been made;

11 (8) information regarding child protection staffing
12 and caseloads by program area;

13 (9) information on the permanency goals in place and
14 achieved for children in the managing conservatorship of the
15 department, including information on the timeliness of achieving
16 the goals, the stability of the children's placement in foster
17 care, and the proximity of placements to the children's home
18 counties;

19 (10) the number of children who suffer from a severe
20 emotional disturbance and for whom the department is appointed
21 managing conservator, including statistics on appointments as
22 joint managing conservator, due to an individual voluntarily
23 relinquishing custody of a child solely to obtain mental health
24 services for the child;

25 (11) the following information regarding [~~number of~~]
26 children who are pregnant or who are parents [~~a parent~~] while in the
27 managing conservatorship of the department.

1 (A) the number of pregnant female children in the
2 managing conservatorship of the department who are at least 13
3 years of age but younger than 18 years of age compared to the total
4 number of female children in the managing conservatorship of the
5 department who are at least 13 years of age but younger than 18
6 years of age;

7 (B) the number of female children in the managing
8 conservatorship of the department who are at least 13 years of age
9 but younger than 18 years of age and who have given birth to a child
10 compared to the total number of female children in the managing
11 conservatorship of the department who are at least 13 years of age
12 but younger than 18 years of age;

13 (C) the number of pregnant female youth in the
14 managing conservatorship of the department who are younger than 22
15 years of age and the following information for each youth:

- 16 (i) the youth's age;
17 (ii) the youth's race and ethnicity;
18 (iii) the youth's county of residence;
19 (iv) the time the youth has been in
20 substitute care; and
21 (v) the type of substitute care in which the
22 youth is placed;

23 (D) the number of youth in the managing
24 conservatorship of the department who are younger than 22 years of
25 age and who are parents and the following information for each
26 youth:

- 27 (i) the youth's gender;

1 (ii) the youth's age;
2 (iii) the youth's race and ethnicity;
3 (iv) the youth's county of residence;
4 (v) the time the youth has been in
5 substitute care; and

6 (vi) the type of substitute care in which
7 the youth is placed;

8 (E) the number of youth in the managing
9 conservatorship of the department who are parents of a child who is
10 also in the managing conservatorship of the department and the
11 following information for each youth:

12 (i) the type of substitute care in which the
13 youth is placed; and

14 (ii) whether the youth and the child are
15 placed together;

16 (F) for youth described by Paragraphs (C) and (D)
17 who exit the department's conservatorship, the following
18 information for each youth:

19 (i) whether the youth is adopted, reunited
20 with the youth's family, or emancipated;

21 (ii) the youth's age on the date the youth
22 exited the department's conservatorship; and

23 (iii) the time the youth spent in
24 substitute care;

25 (G) the number of children in the managing
26 conservatorship of the department who are at least 11 years of age
27 but younger than 18 years of age and who are pregnant or who are

1 parents at the time the child enters the conservatorship of the
2 department; and

3 (H) the number of children in the managing
4 conservatorship of the department who are at least 11 years of age
5 but younger than 18 years of age and who become pregnant or who
6 become parents while in the conservatorship of the department [~~and~~
7 ~~the number of the children born to a parent in the managing~~
8 ~~conservatorship of the department who are placed in the managing~~
9 ~~conservatorship of the department];~~

10 (12) the number of children who are missing from the
11 children's substitute care provider while in the managing
12 conservatorship of the department; and

13 (13) the number of children who were victims of
14 trafficking under Chapter 20A, Penal Code, while in the managing
15 conservatorship of the department.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.