

1-1 By: Wu, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 1362
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2019;
 1-3 May 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 20, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1362 By: Perry

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

1-21 relating to the caseloads of child protective services caseworkers.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code,
 1-24 is amended by adding Section 40.05291 to read as follows:
 1-25 Sec. 40.05291. CASEWORKER CASELOAD SCORING SYSTEM AND
 1-26 REPORT. (a) The department shall study the development and
 1-27 implementation of a scoring system to ensure equity in the
 1-28 distribution of cases among child protective services caseworkers.
 1-29 As part of the study, the department shall:
 1-30 (1) consider:
 1-31 (A) the procedures for assigning cases;
 1-32 (B) the methods for managing caseloads; and
 1-33 (C) the factors considered in assigning scores to
 1-34 caseloads and assigning cases to caseworkers;
 1-35 (2) determine the appropriate guidelines for average
 1-36 caseloads for caseworkers in each department region;
 1-37 (3) determine the cost to implement any scoring system
 1-38 developed by the department;
 1-39 (4) ensure any scoring system developed by the
 1-40 department has the capability of producing monthly reports that
 1-41 include information for each department region; and
 1-42 (5) compare the caseloads for caseworkers in each
 1-43 department region with:
 1-44 (A) the caseloads of child protective services
 1-45 caseworkers in other states; or
 1-46 (B) national best practices.
 1-47 (b) Not later than September 1, 2020, the department shall
 1-48 report the results of the study and any recommendations to the
 1-49 governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
 1-50 representatives, and chairs of the standing committees of the
 1-51 senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction
 1-52 over child protection issues.
 1-53 (c) This section expires September 1, 2021.
 1-54 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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