

1-1 By: Frank, Minjarez, Klick H.B. No. 3950
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2019;
 1-4 May 15, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-5 Human Services; May 20, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
 1-7 May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
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1-15	X			
1-16	X			
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1-18	X			

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3950 By: Campbell

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the establishment of the Joint Committee on Child
 1-23 Welfare.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

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

1-28 (2) "Committee" means the Joint Committee on Child
 1-29 Welfare.

1-30 (3) "Community-based care" has the meaning assigned by
 1-31 Section 264.152, Family Code.

1-32 (4) "Department" means the Department of Family and
 1-33 Protective Services.

1-34 (b) The Joint Committee on Child Welfare is composed of nine
 1-35 voting members as follows:

1-36 (1) three members appointed by the governor;

1-37 (2) three members of the senate, appointed by the
 1-38 lieutenant governor; and

1-39 (3) three members of the house of representatives,
 1-40 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

1-41 (c) The lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of
 1-42 representatives shall each appoint a member described by Subsection
 1-43 (b)(2) or (3) of this section, respectively, to serve as joint
 1-44 chairs of the committee.

1-45 (d) The committee shall meet at least quarterly at the call
 1-46 of the joint chairs and may consider public testimony.

1-47 (e) The committee may employ persons necessary to carry out
 1-48 this section through funds made available by the legislature.

1-49 (f) The committee shall monitor and report to the
 1-50 legislature on the following related to the implementation of
 1-51 community-based care and the federal Family First Prevention
 1-52 Services Act (Title VII, Div. E, Pub. L. No. 115-123):

1-53 (1) all sources of funding for the continued
 1-54 implementation of community-based care and family preservation and
 1-55 other related prevention services;

1-56 (2) a timeline for the complete implementation of
 1-57 community-based care and additional resources the department will
 1-58 require to meet that timeline, including enhanced training related
 1-59 to procurement, contract monitoring and enforcement services,
 1-60 information technology services, and financial and legal services;

2-1 (3) barriers to using federal and state money and
2-2 necessary purchased services to achieve greater numbers of children
2-3 and youth who remain safely with their families by reviewing and
2-4 effectively maximizing:

2-5 (A) the prevention and early intervention
2-6 services currently available in this state; and

2-7 (B) any services relating to families entering
2-8 the child protective services system;

2-9 (4) the placement of children in settings eligible for
2-10 federal financial participation under the requirements of the
2-11 federal Family First Prevention Services Act;

2-12 (5) any other beneficial programs or services
2-13 available under the federal Family First Prevention Services Act;
2-14 and

2-15 (6) legislative or regulatory barriers to full
2-16 implementation of community-based care.

2-17 (g) The committee may request relevant information from the
2-18 commission, the department, or other relevant state agencies, and
2-19 the commission, the department, or other agencies shall comply with
2-20 the request, unless the provision of the information is prohibited
2-21 by state or federal law.

2-22 (h) The committee shall submit a written report described by
2-23 Subsection (f) of this section to the governor, the lieutenant
2-24 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each
2-25 member of the standing committees of the senate and house of
2-26 representatives having primary jurisdiction over child welfare
2-27 issues not later than September 1, 2020.

2-28 (i) The committee shall monitor the continued
2-29 implementation of community-based care and family preservation and
2-30 other related prevention services, and the implementation plan
2-31 developed by the department under Section 264.153, Family Code.

2-32 (j) The committee shall submit a final evaluation of the
2-33 implementation of community-based care to the governor, the
2-34 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
2-35 and each member of the standing committees of the senate and house
2-36 of representatives having primary jurisdiction over child welfare
2-37 issues not later than December 30, 2024.

2-38 (k) The committee is abolished and this Act expires December
2-39 31, 2024.

2-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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