

1-1 By: West, Kolkhorst S.B. No. 355  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 15, 2019; February 7, 2019,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human  
 1-4 Services; March 14, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
 1-6 March 14, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 355 By: Perry

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

1-21 relating to developing a strategic plan to ensure that the  
 1-22 provision of prevention and early intervention services complies  
 1-23 with federal law.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code,  
 1-26 is amended by adding Section 40.079 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 40.079. STRATEGIC PLAN TO IMPLEMENT FEDERAL LAW  
 1-28 REGARDING FOSTER CARE PREVENTION SERVICES. (a) The department  
 1-29 shall develop a strategic plan for the implementation of foster  
 1-30 care prevention services that meet the requirements of Title VII,  
 1-31 Div. E, Pub. L. No. 115-123.

1-32 (b) The strategic plan required under this section must:

1-33 (1) identify a network of services providers to  
 1-34 provide mental health, substance use, and in-home parenting support  
 1-35 services for:

1-36 (A) children at risk of entering foster care;

1-37 (B) the parents and caregivers of children  
 1-38 identified under Paragraph (A); and

1-39 (C) pregnant or parenting youth in foster care;

1-40 (2) identify methods to:

1-41 (A) maximize resources from the federal  
 1-42 government under Title VII, Div. E, Pub. L. No. 115-123;

1-43 (B) apply for other available federal and private  
 1-44 funds;

1-45 (C) streamline and reduce duplication of effort  
 1-46 by each state agency involved in providing services described by  
 1-47 Subdivision (1); and

1-48 (D) streamline the procedures for determining  
 1-49 eligibility for services described by Subdivision (1);

1-50 (3) include a method to:

1-51 (A) notify the Senate Health and Human Services  
 1-52 Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Committee on  
 1-53 Human Services, the House Committee on Public Health, and the House  
 1-54 Appropriations Committee of federal and private funding  
 1-55 opportunities; and

1-56 (B) respond to the opportunities described by  
 1-57 Paragraph (A); and

1-58 (4) identify opportunities to coordinate with  
 1-59 independent researchers to assist community programs in evaluating  
 1-60 and developing trauma-informed services and promising, supported,

2-1 or well-supported services and strategies under Title VII, Div. E,  
2-2 Pub. L. No. 115-123.

2-3 (c) In identifying the network of providers described by  
2-4 Subsection (b)(1), the department shall consult with the Health and  
2-5 Human Services Commission, the Department of State Health Services,  
2-6 and community stakeholders.

2-7 (d) In developing the procedure described by Subsection  
2-8 (b)(2), the department shall consult with the Health and Human  
2-9 Services Commission and the Department of State Health Services.

2-10 (e) This section expires March 1, 2021.

2-11 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2020, the Department  
2-12 of Family and Protective Services shall make the plan required by  
2-13 Section 40.079, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act,  
2-14 available to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, the  
2-15 Senate Finance Committee, the House Committee on Human Services,  
2-16 the House Committee on Public Health, and the House Appropriations  
2-17 Committee.

2-18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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