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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1130 By: Kolkhorst

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

1-21 relating to the establishment of a task force on father engagement
 1-22 in this state.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 265, Family Code, is amended by adding
 1-25 Subchapter E to read as follows:

1-26 SUBCHAPTER E. TASK FORCE ON FATHER ENGAGEMENT

1-27 Sec. 265.201. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "task
 1-28 force" means the task force on father engagement established under
 1-29 Section 265.202.

1-30 Sec. 265.202. ESTABLISHMENT. The task force on father
 1-31 engagement is established to:

1-32 (1) evaluate services and supports available to
 1-33 fathers in this state;

1-34 (2) study the impact of father engagement on children,
 1-35 families, and communities in this state; and

1-36 (3) develop a statewide plan for expanding services
 1-37 and supports available to fathers and other strategies to
 1-38 strengthen father engagement in this state.

1-39 Sec. 265.203. COMPOSITION. (a) The governor shall
 1-40 determine the number of members of the task force.

1-41 (b) The task force is composed of:

1-42 (1) members appointed by the governor, which may
 1-43 include:

1-44 (A) policy experts in child abuse and neglect
 1-45 prevention, community advocacy, or related fields;

1-46 (B) directors of relevant state agencies, or the
 1-47 directors' designees, including the department, the Department of
 1-48 State Health Services, the Health and Human Services Commission,
 1-49 the office of the attorney general, and the Texas Workforce
 1-50 Commission;

1-51 (C) members of the judiciary or their designees;

1-52 (D) representatives of local government or their
 1-53 designees;

1-54 (E) representatives of service providers to the
 1-55 department;

1-56 (F) one representative who is an expert working
 1-57 with and studying fathers and families;

1-58 (G) one representative from a public or private
 1-59 institution of higher education with experience in father
 1-60 engagement;

2-1 (H) one representative of a statewide advocacy
2-2 organization for issues related to family violence;

2-3 (I) one representative of a faith-based
2-4 organization;

2-5 (J) one representative of a nonprofit
2-6 organization involved in promoting father engagement; and

2-7 (K) any other members that the governor considers
2-8 appropriate;

2-9 (2) one member of the house of representatives,
2-10 appointed by the speaker of the house, or the member's designee; and

2-11 (3) one member of the senate, appointed by the
2-12 lieutenant governor, or the member's designee.

2-13 Sec. 265.204. PRESIDING OFFICER. The governor shall
2-14 designate a member of the task force to serve as the presiding
2-15 officer.

2-16 Sec. 265.205. VACANCY. A vacancy on the task force shall be
2-17 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

2-18 Sec. 265.206. MEETINGS. The task force shall meet at the
2-19 call of the presiding officer.

2-20 Sec. 265.207. DUTIES. The task force shall:

2-21 (1) receive reports and testimony from individuals,
2-22 state and local governmental agencies, community-based
2-23 organizations, faith-based organizations, policy experts, public
2-24 and private institutions of higher education, and other public and
2-25 private entities regarding father engagement and evidence-based
2-26 father education programs;

2-27 (2) study the social and economic impact of father
2-28 engagement on children, including in regard to health care,
2-29 education, child support, child welfare, and the juvenile justice
2-30 system; and

2-31 (3) identify and develop strategies to address
2-32 barriers to father engagement and to otherwise strengthen father
2-33 engagement in this state.

2-34 Sec. 265.208. REPORT. (a) The task force shall prepare a
2-35 report that includes:

2-36 (1) a description of the task force's activities;

2-37 (2) the task force's findings; and

2-38 (3) recommendations for proposed legislation and a
2-39 statewide plan to expand services and supports to fathers in this
2-40 state.

2-41 (b) Not later than September 1, 2020, the task force shall
2-42 provide a copy of the report to:

2-43 (1) the governor;

2-44 (2) the lieutenant governor;

2-45 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives; and

2-46 (4) each standing committee of the senate and the
2-47 house of representatives with primary jurisdiction over the
2-48 department.

2-49 Sec. 265.209. COMPENSATION; REIMBURSEMENT. Members of the
2-50 task force serve without compensation and may not be reimbursed for
2-51 travel or other expenses incurred while conducting the business of
2-52 the task force.

2-53 Sec. 265.210. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The department shall
2-54 provide administrative support to the task force, including
2-55 reasonably necessary administrative and technical support.

2-56 Sec. 265.211. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Chapter 2110,
2-57 Government Code, does not apply to the task force.

2-58 Sec. 265.212. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and
2-59 this subchapter expires September 1, 2021.

2-60 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
2-61 of this Act, the governor, the speaker of the house of
2-62 representatives, and the lieutenant governor shall appoint the
2-63 members of the task force on father engagement as required by
2-64 Subchapter E, Chapter 265, Family Code, as added by this Act.

2-65 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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