

APPENDIX B. ALTERNATE EXHIBIT PROVIDED FOR SECTION XI. ITEM A

Mandatory Reporting Requirements			
Report Name	Report Purpose	Legal Citation	Evaluation
QA Program for APS	Includes a comprehensive review of APS' performance during the preceding quarter; and a summary of APS' performance during the preceding quarter on each of the outcome measures established under the section.	Human Resources Code 40.0515(g)	Report is useful. APS management effectively uses the information provided in this report.
Advisory Committee Evaluation	To identify advisory committees to be considered for consolidation or abolishment. The guidance and format for this report comes from HHSC via HHS Circular C-022; however, the actual statutory requirement is found in Government Code 2110.006. HHSC consolidates the recommendations of all HHS agencies and makes a single report to LBB.	Government Code 2110.006	It is useful and efficient to have a process in place to regularly evaluate advisory committees and this requirement serves the purpose of providing authority for such a review.

Obsolete or Redundant Reporting Requirements Report	Examine the agency's reporting requirements established by state statute before January 1, 2009 and not amended since that date, and identify each reporting requirement that the executive director determines is not necessary, is redundant, or is required to be provided at a frequency for which data is not available. Each recommended deletion must include justification for the determination.	Government Code 2052.402(a)(1) and (2)	Report is useful. It is useful and efficient to have a process in place to regularly evaluate reporting requirements, and this requirement serves the purpose of providing authority for such a review.
Licensure and Childcare Facilities	Report regarding the Department's licensure and regulation of childcare facilities.	Human Resources Code 42.023	Report is useful. The information is reported as part of the Data Book. Effort to prepare is minimal and would likely be included in Data Book with or without this requirement so recommend that it be retained.
Federal Funds Report	Identify strategies to maximize the receipt and use of federal funds and to improve federal funds management.	Government Code 531.028(c)	Report is useful. The data is of great interest and the effort to prepare is minimal.
Information Resources Deployment Review	A state agency shall complete a review of the operational aspects of the agency's information resources deployment following instructions developed by DIR.	Government Code 2054.0965	This report is under the authority of DIR but it is deemed to be a useful tool for agencies.
Performance Report on Information Resource Technologies	DIR, on Nov. 15 every even-numbered year, reports on the use of IR technologies in state government.	Government Code 2054.055	This report is under the authority of DIR but it is deemed to be a useful tool for agencies.

<p>Recruitment and Retention of Caseworkers</p>	<p>The Department shall study the salaries of each type of child protective services caseworker to determine the role salary plays in the recruitment and retention of caseworkers and in the turnover rate for each type of caseworker. The Department shall report the results of the study and any recommendations.</p>	<p>Human Resources Code 40.0328</p>	<p>This is a one-time report that came from H.B. 753, 82R by Rep. Raymond (Zaffirini). It has an expiration date already built in. Per HRC 40.0328(d), section expires September 1, 2013.</p>
<p>S.B. 758 Capacity-Building Progress Report</p>	<p>Details activities in implementing the recommendations described in Subdivision (8) of Improvement Plan. Must include regional numbers of children in foster care who are placed in their home region separated into classifications based on levels of care.</p>	<p>S.B. 758, 80R, SEC. 51(c)</p>	<p>DFPS recommends repeal of this reporting requirement as the Foster Care Redesign can replace and serve a similar purpose and avoid redundant reporting of same data. This requirement, found in a section of S.B. 758, 80R by Sen. Nelson (Rose) is related to expanding and improving provider capabilities to increase capacity. DFPS has moved past the reform phase that was underway at the time of this bill and this work has been infused into, and developed through, foster care redesign, authorized in H.B. 1, 82R, Article II, Rider 25. This Rider requires a report on expenditures and progress which will become duplicative of this S.B. 758 requirement.</p>

Strategic Plan	A state agency shall make a strategic plan for its operations. Each even-numbered year, the agency shall issue a plan covering five fiscal years beginning with the next odd-numbered fiscal year.	Government Code 2056	Report is useful. This requirement is applicable to all state agencies and should be retained.
Advisory Committee on Promoting Adoption of Minority Children	Report on the recommendations of the Department's Advisory Committee on Promoting Adoptions of Minority Children.	Family Code 162.309(j)	Report is useful. This report serves to advise DFPS on policies and practices that affect the recruitment and licensing of families for minority children waiting for adoption. The Advisory Committee's report has a direct impact on continuing faith-based efforts in the child welfare system to help improve outcomes for minority children who are waiting for a permanent home through adoption.

<p>Community-Based and Residential-Based Placements</p>	<p>Each health and human services agency shall report the number of community-based service placements and residential-care placements the agency makes.</p>	<p>Government Code 531.042(d)</p>	<p>This annual report which came from S.B. 367, 77R by Sen. Zaffirini (Naishtat) is redundant in regards to certain information reported in the semi-annual report on permanency planning which came from S.B. 368, 77R by Sen. Zaffirini (Maxey/Naishtat). The information in the S.B. 367 report is a subcategory of the information in the S.B. 368 report and therefore the same purpose could be served by eliminating this report and retaining the other. We have recommended this report for deletion in the past but have not been successful in accomplishing that perhaps partly because of certain complexities involved in doing so. The reporting requirement is embedded both in statute and also in HHSC rule (TAC Part 15, HHSC 351.15(d)) and is intertwined with other requirements including data to be reported by other HHS agencies. Both statute and rule would need amendment in order to fully repeal this reporting requirement.</p>
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<p>Permanency Planning for Children - S.B. 368, 77R</p>	<p>Report on the number of children residing in institutions who have been recommended for community-based residence, the number of permanency plans developed for children residing in institutions, progress and barriers on implementing those plans.</p>	<p>Government Code 531.162(b)</p>	<p>This report is useful. This report contains same or similar data as found in the Community-based and Residential-based Placements Report (S.B. 367, 77R) which is recommended for repeal. This report on Permanency Planning (S.B. 368, 77R) should be retained and it will serve both its intended purpose and also serve as a replacement for the S.B. 367 report which basically reports on a sub-set of the same population. Repealing one and keeping the other will avoid duplicative reporting while still providing recipients of the report with the same information currently required.</p>
<p>Foster Children in Drug Research Programs</p>	<p>Report on the number of foster children who participated in a drug research program during the previous fiscal year; the purpose of each drug research program; and the number of foster children participating in a drug research program by court order.</p>	<p>Family Code 266.0041(l)</p>	<p>This report is useful. This data is of great interest and effort to prepare the report is minimal.</p>

<p>Local-Level Interagency Staffing Groups Biennial Report</p>	<p>HHSC CRCG prepares. The receiving agencies shall adopt a joint MOU to promote a system of local-level interagency staffing groups to coordinate services for persons needing multiagency services. The agencies shall ensure that a state-level interagency staffing group provides a biennial report to the executive director of each agency, the legislature, and the governor that includes: (1) the number of persons served through the local-level interagency staffing groups and the outcomes of the services provided; (2) a description of any barriers identified to the state’s ability to provide effective services to persons needing multiagency services; and (3) any other information relevant to improving the delivery of services to persons needing multiagency services.</p>	<p>Government Code 531.055(e)</p>	<p>HHSC is responsible for this report. DFPS provides minimal input and information and has served as reviewer of the draft report in the past.</p>
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<p>Placements That Fail for Financial Reasons</p>	<p>Report on placements that were not made during the previous fiscal year due to financial reasons (the relative or caregiver cannot afford to care for the child). Report should also include, if possible, the amount of monetary assistance that would be needed to make the placement affordable. [This report may be combined with other reports the Department is required to submit to the legislature.]</p>	<p>Family Code 264.759</p>	<p>DFPS recommends repeal of this reporting requirement which came from S.B. 723, 80R by Sen. Lucio (Rose). With implementation of the Permanency Care Assistance/ Fostering Connections (PCA) program, kinship caregivers are becoming verified as foster parents at higher rates than before. Therefore, kin caregivers who may have said in the past that they could not care for a child because of financial constraints are now able to apply to become foster parents and, if they satisfy the requirements, receive monthly foster care reimbursements. Based on the small number of reported placements that failed for financial reasons (10 in FY 2011) and the new resources available to relatives and caregivers, we recommend repeal.</p>
<p>Services to Young Texans Under 6</p>	<p>The exec head of each HHS agency shall report to HHSC on efforts to provide health and human services to kids younger than 6, including development of new programs or enhancement of existing programs.</p>	<p>Government Code 531.02492(a)</p>	<p>HHSC is responsible for compiling this report, originating from S.B. 54, 77R by Sen. Zaffirini (Noreiga/ Naishtat).</p>

<p>Statistical Report on the Abuse and Neglect of Children</p>	<p>Statistical report derived from information collected in the Department's central registry on reported cases of child abuse and neglect.</p>	<p>Family code 261.004(c)</p>	<p>This data is of great interest to stakeholders. Requirement to report this information is met through the publication of the annual DFPS Databook.</p>
<p>Foster Care Residential Contract Management</p>	<p>State Auditor prepares. Management review of the residential contract management employees of HHSC and DFPS; including recommendations regarding the organization of, and skills and educational requirements for, those employees. The state auditor shall also make recommendations regarding the implementation of financial accountability provisions and processes to ensure effective and efficient expenditure of state and other contract funds.</p>	<p>Government Code 2155.1442(a)</p>	<p>The audit provides DFPS a valuable function in reviewing a small sample of contractors each year.</p>