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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee report) in Article II
2 of the bill as follows:

3 (1) In the appropriations to the Health and Human Services
4 Commission, reduce the general revenue fund appropriations for
5 Strategy D.1.2, Thriving Texas Families Program (page II-34), by
6 \$2,000,000 for each fiscal year of the state fiscal biennium ending
7 August 31, 2027.

8 (2) In the bill pattern for the Health and Human Services
9 Commission, in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services (page II-34), add
10 Strategy A.2.6, Safe Haven Awareness Effort, and appropriate
11 \$2,000,000 in general revenue for that strategy for each fiscal
12 year of the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2027.

13 (3) Following the appropriations to the Health and Human
14 Services Commission (page II-38), add the following appropriately
15 numbered rider:

16 _____. Safe Haven Awareness. (a) Out of the funds
17 appropriated above to the Health and Human Services Commission for
18 Strategy A.2.6, Safe Haven Awareness Effort, the commission shall
19 expend \$2,000,000 each fiscal year of the state fiscal biennium
20 ending August 31, 2027, to ensure that women of childbearing age in
21 this state have access to information about their rights and
22 obligations related to the legal relinquishment of newborn babies
23 and access to public and private resources available to assist them
24 with parenting their babies. The funds appropriated shall also be
25 used to:

26 (1) design and disseminate informational posters and
27 brochures in areas frequented by the targeted group, including new
28 and emerging safe haven sites;

29 (2) design and produce public service announcements in

1 Spanish and English for social media platforms, radio, and
2 television;

3 (3) establish websites with the necessary resources
4 and information about the state law that allows a parent to
5 voluntarily relinquish the parent's child who is 60 days old or
6 younger;

7 (4) establish a new hotline utilizing the current
8 number of the Baby Hotline, to be answered by trained individuals
9 provided by the National Safe Haven Alliance, who are proficient in
10 English and Spanish;

11 (5) annually collect data regarding calls to the
12 hotline and the outcomes, if known, including whether a child was
13 voluntarily relinquished as authorized under state law or illegally
14 abandoned; and

15 (6) raise public awareness of the state law that
16 authorizes a parent to voluntarily relinquish the parent's child
17 who is 60 days old or younger.

18 (b) Not later than September 1, 2027, the Health and Human
19 Services Commission shall submit a report to the Office of the
20 Governor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the legislature on the
21 progress regarding improving awareness of the law described by
22 Subsection (a) of this rider, including data collected regarding
23 the use of safe havens and a comparison with data collected in
24 preceding years, and any information regarding strategies for
25 raising awareness of the programs that have been found to be
26 especially successful.

27 (c) Any unobligated and unexpended balance allocated as
28 described by Subsection (a) of this rider remaining as of August 31,
29 2026, is appropriated for the same purpose in the state fiscal year
30 beginning September 1, 2026.

31 (4) Adjust totals and methods of financing accordingly.