

SUBJECT:	Establishing the private child care task force
COMMITTEE:	Human Services — favorable, without amendment
VOTE:	5 ayes — Frank, Rose, Campos, Hull, Manuel  3 nays — Klick, Noble, Shaheen  1 absent — Ramos
WITNESSES:	For — ( <i>Registered, but did not testify</i> : Julia Hatcher, TAFDA; Charles Miller, Texas 2036; Clayton Travis, Texas Pediatric Society; Amy Bresnen; Susan Stewart)  Against — None
BACKGROUND:	Some have suggested that a study the availability and affordability of private child care could help increase access to quality, affordable private child care.
DIGEST:	<p>HB 940 would establish the private child care task force to study private child care providers in Texas and methods to reduce the amounts charged for and increase the availability of private child care services. The task force would be composed of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• one member appointed by the governor, who would serve as the presiding officer;</li><li>• three members of the Senate, appointed by the lieutenant governor; and</li><li>• three members of the House, appointed by the speaker of the House.</li></ul> <p>The task force would be required to develop a written report on the study and recommendations to reduce the amounts charged for and increase the availability of private child care services. The report would be submitted to the governor, lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House, and each</p>

member of the Legislature by November 1, 2024.

Task force members would not be entitled to compensation but could receive reimbursement for certain expenses, which could be paid for by gifts, grants, and donations. The task force would meet at least quarterly at the call of the presiding officer. Meetings could occur through telecommunication.

The task force would be abolished and the bill would expire on June 1, 2024.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2023.