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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 66 adds an emergency medical services provider and a provider of services to, or advocate for, victims of family violence to the State Child Fatality Review Team Committee (committee); clarifies the committee's role; and changes the committee's reporting requirement from annual to biennial.

As proposed, S.B. 66 amends current law relating to the composition of the child fatality review team committee.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 264.502(b) and (c), Family Code, as follows:

(b) Adds to the list of additional members of the child fatality review team committee (committee) selected by the members of the committee who serve under Subsections (a)(1) (relating to a person appointed by and representing the state registrar of vital statistics), (2) (relating to a person appointed by and representing the commissioner of the Department of Family and Protective Services), and (3) (relating to a person appointed by and representing the Title V director of the Department of State Health Services), an emergency medical services provider and a provider of services to, or advocate for, victims of family violence.

(c) Provides that members of the committee selected under Subsection (b) serve three-year terms with the terms of six or seven members, rather than five or six members, as appropriate, expiring February 1 each year.

SECTION 2. Requires the members of the committee under Section 264.502(a) (relating to the composition of the committee), Family Code, responsible for selecting the additional members of the committee required by Section 264.502(b), Family Code, as amended by this Act, to make those appointments not later than November 1, 2013.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2013.